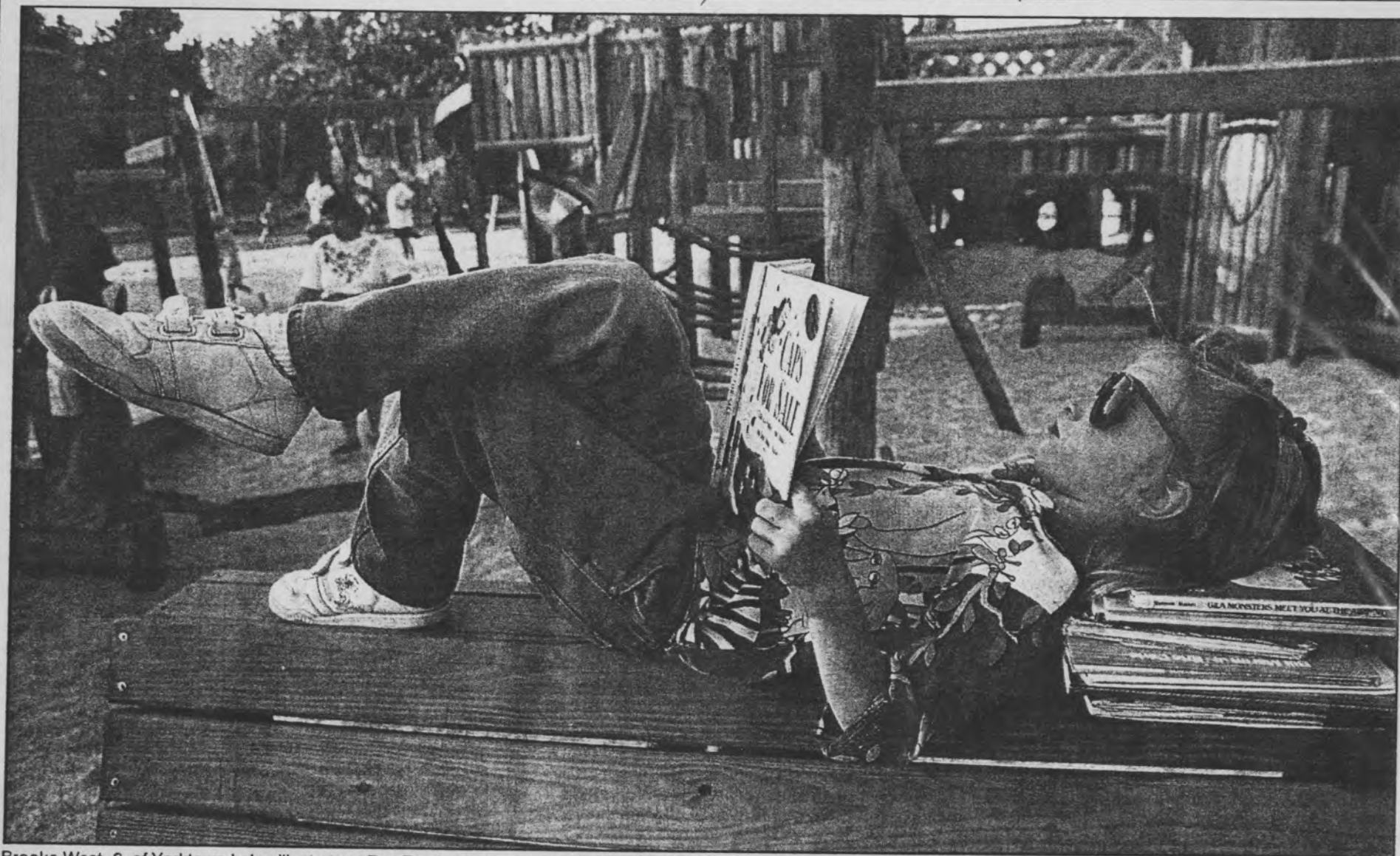


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Brooke West, 6, of Yorktown helps illustrate at Fort Fun in Newport News that reading isn't just for school time. It should be part of the summer fun.

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Hanging out with books

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Mural dedication set

Jean Smith, center, treasurer of the Friends of the York County Public Library, presents a check to Jeff Helm, the artist who painted 'Fairy Tales in the Woods.' Sherry Inabinet, children's librarian, looks on. On Tuesday, May 26, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to officially dedicate the mural. The public is invited to attend and join the artist and interested Friends for refreshments in the library Community Room.

Getting hooked on reading

Libraries challenge kids with rewarding programs

By Lisa Daniels
Daily Press

For 9-year-old Ashley Smith, finishing books last summer meant more than finding out what happened at the end. She won a certificate, a book and an admission ticket to Busch Gardens.

Ashley received the gifts for reading more than 100 books during summer vacation last year as part York County Public Library's reading program.

"It wasn't for the prizes," confessed Ashley, who will be a fourth-grader at York County's Grafton-Bethel Elementary School come fall. "I got into the program and started reading a lot



Brittany Ownes, 2, is too young to read so she just looks at the pictures at the York County library. *Craig Moran/Daily Press*

because I got interested in all the different books I could read."

"I really like to read," said 8-year-old Seaford Elementary third-grader-to-be Alex Trexler, who is enrolled in York's program.

Testimonies like Ashley's and

Alex's sound sweet to area librarians and volunteers, who organize summer programs that encourage children to keep their skills sharp by reading when school recesses for the summer. This year nearly every local library system offers the state-endorsed reading program called, "Reach for it. Read!"

Developed by the American Library Association and Sports Illustrated for Kids magazine, this year's program bears a multi-cultural Olympic theme, challenging students to read as much as they can over the summer.

In addition to rewarding students' efforts with stickers, certificates and prominent displays of readers' accomplishments, many libraries offer prizes, nearly all of them donated by local merchants and businesses.

Portsmouth's reading program includes give-aways of McDonald's and Kings Dominion coupons.

Hampton's libraries offer Zooms store vouchers that kids can exchange for free food.

Newport News gives away passes and T-shirts from B & B Batting Cage in Hampton.

Avid Portsmouth readers receive a note from the city's mayor.

"It's not that the prizes are the main motivation, they just make it more fun," said Patty Whitley, young adult coordinator of the Grissom Branch Library in Newport News.

"It gets them into the library like a hook," said Sherry Inabinet, children's coordinator for the York County Public Library.

In addition to prizes, most libraries offer movies, magic and puppet shows during the summer, and nearly every library finishes the season with a big bash.

During an end-of-summer auction, Williamsburg readers bid for amusement park tickets and other prizes with play money earned for reading books. York County readers mark the end of the summer with a party and cookie contest.

■ The National Center for Learning Disabilities has a new video for parents and teachers, "We can learn — Understanding and helping children with learning disabilities." Cost is \$39.95 plus \$3.95 for postage and handling. Write "We can learn" video series, NCLD, 99 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

AREA READING PROGRAMS

Some of the area's reading programs include:

■ **Hampton Public Libraries.**

Runs until Aug. 7. Sign up throughout the summer. Program is designed for pre-schoolers through those who have completed the eighth grade. Participants earn certificates, coupons, stickers and special awards depending on how many books they read. The program culminates in a free picnic at Bluebird Gap Farm Park. Program is available through the city's bookvan. Call 727-1157.

■ **Newport News Public**

Libraries. Runs until July 30. Sign up throughout the summer. Pre-school through age 12. Children receive coupons just for signing up for the program, and earn stickers and stamps depending on how much they read. Participants watch their progress as it is recorded on the walls of the city's public libraries. Children are encouraged to read at their reading level and pre-schoolers may have their books read to them. Teen-agers participate in their own reading program, featuring games and a weekly hunt for the elusive Waldo, who is hidden in the libraries. Prizes are drawn during an end-of-the-summer bingo game. Programs are available through the city's bookvan. Call 886-7896.

■ **Poquoson Public Library.** Runs until Aug. 14. Sign up throughout the summer. For children in grades 1-7. Pre-schoolers and kindergartners enroll in the Read-to-Me Club during which people read to them. Older children enroll in their own program, in which stickers and stamps are given to students based on their progress. The program culminates with a performance by the Imaginary Man who performs juggling, magic, music and magic. Call 868-7931.

■ **Portsmouth Public Libraries.** Runs until July 25. Last day to sign up is July 18. Pre-school through students completing eighth grade. Students on the Library Reading Team read for stamps, coupons and prizes. For every five books they read, students receive gift packages including items such as bookmarks, an issue of Sports Illustrated for Kids and a letter from Portsmouth's mayor. Weekly drawings for prizes such as yo-yos. End-of-the-summer parties for participants are hosted at



Ashby Ownes, 4, above, and Cara Waiswilos, 7, below, read at York County Public Library.

Photos by Craig Moran/Daily Press



each branch. Call 393-8501.

■ **Suffolk Public Library.** Runs until Aug. 28. Sign up throughout the summer. Toddlers through those who have finished the eighth grade. Participants' names are posted in the main library and library stations. Participants receive prizes, stickers, ribbons and a plastic library bag. In lieu of an end-of-summer bash, the program features entertainment at the main library every Wednesday. Program is available through volunteer library stations and the bookmobile. Call 934-7686.

■ **Walter Cecil Rawls Regional Library System.** (Courtland, Carrollton, Surry, Wakefield, Waverly, and Smithfield branches). Sign up throughout the summer. Program times vary at each

location. Ages 3 and up. Join the Library Reading Team, which reads for prizes, stamps, sticker and certificates. The program, which ends with a carnival and an awards program for registered readers, is available through the bookmobile. «MD-BU» Call 653-2821.

■ **Williamsburg Regional Library.**

Runs until July 30. Sign up deadline is July 23. Pre-schoolers and up. As younger children (up to those finishing fourth grade) read books in the Peer Amid Books program (or have books read to them), they help decorate a paper pyramid and win coupons and prizes. Culminating activity features storyteller Dylan Pritchett. Children finishing at least the fifth grade participate in the Wheel of Reading, a reading game a la "Wheel of Fortune." For every five books participants read, they get a spin on the wheel to win play money to spend during an end-of-the-summer auction for Busch Gardens and Water Country USA tickets and other prizes. Both programs are available on the bookmobile. Call 229-7646.

■ **York County Public Library.**

Runs until Aug. 13. Sign up throughout the summer. Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Students receive stickers, stamps and prizes depending on how many and what kind of books they read. Emphasizing stories from the five continents featured on the Olympic flag, students' progress is tracked on a bulletin board posted in the library. The session ends with a cookie contest. Call 890-3377.



Every dog has its day

The York County Public Library sponsored a dog show on the back lawn of the library recently. Lassie, a sheltie held by Richard Loveless, top photo, won the award for Best in Show. Judges Don Elrod, from left, Ginger Inabinet and Tess Donadio declared Lassie "the dog that won the judge's heart." Christian Taylor, above left, poses with Dusty, his collie, who was awarded a ribbon for "the dog with the prettiest coat." Jessica Avery and her miniature schnauzer Nick, above left, wait their turn at the show. Nick was declared the "most intelligent looking dog." Others who participated in the show included the Venable family and Maggie, their Boston terrier; Megan Johnson and Jennie, a collie; Christina Pinnell and her beagle, Buttons; Dawn Livesay and D.J., a shuztu; Lori Johnson and Lassie, a collie; and Katie Hotz and Chelsea, a golden retriever.



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Summer program finale

A Worldwide Cookie Party/Awards Party was held at the York County Public Library to conclude the Summer Reading program recently. Above left, Reema Desai, Christopher Rowe and Richard Loveless register their cookies according to type for judging. Ashley Smith, above, receives a blue ribbon for her winning fruit bars embellished with Olympic Rings from Sherry Inabinet, Children's Coordinator at the library. Jeff Buchanan, left, was honored for reading the greatest number of books while attending the Reading Club this summer.

Summer Reading Program
Puppet Show by Mark Spark
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York County Public Library Dog Show
July 19, 1992

<u>DOG</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Lassie (Sheltie)	Richard Loveless	Dog That Won Judge's Heart (Best in Show)
Maggie (Boston Terrier)	The Yennables	Most Loveable/Affectionate
Jenny (Collie)	Megan Johnson	Most Colorful
Buttons (Beagle)	Christina Pinnell	Shyest Dog
DJ (Shuster)	Jerry Livesay	Most Energetic Dog
Nick (Miniature Schnauzer)	Jessica Arroy	Most Intelligent Looking
Dusty (Collie)	Christian Taylor	Dog with Prettiest Coat
Lassie (Collie)	Lori Johnson	Most Gentle Dog
Chelsea (Golden Retriever)	Katie Hotz	Dog With Purest Color

Dog Quiz Winner - Jerry Livesay
Guessing the Number of Dog Treats in jar - Christian Taylor

Judges - Jess Donadio, Yorktown
Singer Anahet, Hudgens, VA
Don Elrod, Greenville, S.C.

MC (Organizer) Sherry Anahet (assisted by Emily Trexler and Mickey Bohannon)







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Republicans donate book

Beverly Dudley, left, York County's Library Director, accepts a book donation from the York Republican Woman's Club represented by Mary Clark and Freida Drees, officer of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project. The book, 'Russia Speaks - Oral History from the Revolution to the Present' by Richard Lourie, was selected as the club's donation to the community for this year.

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SHIRTS. Sherry Inabinet, children's coordinator at the York Public Library, is also the library's crafts person. She recently conducted two holiday sweatshirts classes in which participants ironed on designs and then decorated the shirts with glitter paint, beads, sequins, bells and bows. She says she may be offering other craft classes in the future.

Above: Maria Moody, left, and Sherry Inabinet work on a shirt.

Left: A bear is outlined on a shirt by Cathy Fond.

Photos by Kenneth D. Lyons/Daily Press



Library Story Hour sign-up begins

Sign-up for Story Hour at the York County Public Library will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The program begins the first week in February and is for children ages 3-6.

An adult must accompany the younger threes to the sessions, but younger siblings may not attend. Older children come to Story Hour alone, but an adult responsible for them is expected to remain in the library building.

The Story Hour program is free and consists of book sharing, story telling, music, art, movies, cooking, crafts and parties.

Children may be registered by calling the library at 890-3377 or by stopping by the library.

Enrollment is limited, so early registration is suggested.

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Library to host program, drawing

The York County Public Library is hosting special programs and a prize drawing in celebration of National Library Week, April 9-15.

On Saturday, April 15, Richard and Julie Pouliot will present a slide program on "Shipwrecks of the Virginia Coast and the Life-Saving Service."

During National Library Week, anyone who visits the library may enter a drawing for one of two special books. For adults, there is "Shipwrecks of the Virginia Coast" by Richard Pouliot, and for children "The Ch'i'lin Purse" by Linda Fang, a Chinese storyteller.

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Tax forms now located in county

Tax season has arrived and the York County Public Library is experiencing long lines at the copier of patrons making necessary copies of federal tax forms needed to file their income taxes.

To help alleviate this problem, the library has placed additional copies of the reproducible federal tax forms in the following locations: John Henry Printing, 5111 George Washington Highway; DC Engraving, 1700 George Washington Highway; Mail Boxes Etc., Washington Square Shopping Center; the Grafton Post Office, Grafton Shopping Center; and the Yorktown Post Office, located on the Yorktown waterfront.

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Library Week to feature events

The York County Public Library is celebrating National Library Week from April 18 to 24 with two special events.

For the first time in seven years, the library is having a "Fine Free Week." Patrons are encouraged to return all overdue books during this time. No fines will be charged during the entire week.

The second event is a "Name the Library Newsletter Contest." The Newsletter has gone unpublished for some time, but will go back into publication on May 1. The newsletter will be available free at the circulation desk and will cover special events and other library news.

The person with the winning name will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate to Waldenbooks. Application forms are available at the circulation desk. For more information, call 890-3377.

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IN BRIEF



Wipe the slate clean at library this month

The York County Public Library will celebrate National Library Week, April 18-24, with two special events.

For the first time in seven years, the library is having a Fine Free Week. So hunt up all those overdue books. Now is the time to clean up your library record. No fines will be charged during this week.

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Forms will be available at the circulation desk. For more information, call the library, 890-3377.

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On line!

The York County Public Library has converted to the exclusive use of computers for locating materials throughout the facility. Librarian Norma Colton, above left, and Chris Youngbluth dump contents of the card catalog prior to its removal from service. At left, Janice Ward, head of circulation, demonstrates the use of a computer in the children's section. The card catalog was replaced by six computers in the main section of the library with an additional one for the children.

Computers offer new choices

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

With card catalogues a thing of the past at the York County Library, could a "Brave New World" be next in the computerized future?

Not necessarily, says Valerie Hill, catalogues and systems administrator.

Still, computerized advancement makes a wide variety of options feasible in the very near future.

One not so near would be calling books up on a terminal screen and reading them there.

"I'd be horrified if we ever did that," says Valerie Hill, catalogues and systems administrator. "We're all readers here. We read books at lunch."

What recently was accomplished

was taking one large step towards easing things for the library user. It is part of a process that is now 10 years old and more steps are in the offing.

Library Director Beverly Dudley points out that "we are getting ready to have dial-up access. People will be able to call up things like the computerized catalogue from home if they have a computer with a modem."

"Requests indicate there is interest in it," says Hill.

"I didn't want it, but people asked for it, so it's eventually coming," says Dudley.

What the library does have is computerized capability that would enable it to add a branch "fairly inexpensively. Our equipment could

run 64 terminals and we only have seven here," says Hill. Not only that, the local library is on target to link up with libraries throughout the state.

With the long-time library staple of index cards gone, the Library joined the rest of the Peninsula, with the exception of Poquoson. The step wasn't quick. It was part of what has been a 10-year program made possible by a \$125,000 grant of capital funding.

Basically, the substituting of terminal for the card file makes things speedier for both the library staff and for the consumer.

"I knew there would be objections," says Dudley. "I knew a lot

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of people wouldn't like it, but we care about our patrons, maybe too much."

Hill points out that even browsing through the catalogue lists is faster and, it follows, just as much fun. "We've encountered quite positive reactions," she says.

Children who can read, she says, take to the terminals faster than adults. "A big plus is that you don't have to memorize anything. Directions are there. It helps both patron and staff."

None of the plusses were unexpected. Speedier check-ins and check-outs were anticipated and are reality.

Still, says Hill, the effect "is not something you can see when you walk in the door."

While some balked at the transition, college students hunger for it, say the library officials. "They use it on a higher level, but you really don't need to know anything about computers," says Hill. "I didn't know about them and I'm administering the program."

Brief instructions are available if desired from the reference librarian.

"Some like to be left alone. Some want help. We've had magazines on disc for 8-9 years and that's more complicated, but even that isn't really difficult."

One thing she emphasizes is that patrons read terminal directions carefully. "They have to remember to keep looking. There are plenty of options available if you just keep looking."

One reason is that new services are available now. "Before, we didn't have room," she says, for files on such things as looking up books by illustrator or by joint authors. Now, those features are computerized and easy to find.

"We're constantly trying to improve things," says Dudley.

Patrons lose to progress

The York County Public Library removed the old, familiar card catalogue last week and heralded in the age of the computer. From now on, patrons must not only be literate to enjoy the library, they must also be computer literate in order to access the collection.

As one disgruntled county resident remarked, "it's a great way to celebrate National Library Week — the heck with the patrons."

True, we live in the age of the computer. And true, the first access to subject and author cards is faster with the new system. After that initial contact, however, most patrons are going to have to scroll through a lot of computer blips before finding what they are looking for.

Removing the cards are also going to make it unpleasant for the patron who likes to browse the catalogue to find something that sounds interesting. These casual readers may have a vague notion of what they'd like to look into, but half the joy is seeing what's available. And the new system isn't geared to that kind of use.

With the old system as many as 30 or more patrons could peruse the catalogue simultaneously. That number will now be limited to the number of computer terminals available. There will be waiting lines — and the number of terminals will be dependant upon budgetary considerations as is every other commodity in York.

Maybe we needed to take the plunge to computerizing the library collection. But there are a whole lot of people who are going to miss the old familiar way. They're afraid that somehow, someday all this progress is going to replace books with computers — and they're trying to figure out how they're going to curl up in bed on a cold, rainy day and read a computer.



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Library employees refute recent editorial

Town Crier:

Several employees of the York County Public Library would like to offer their answer to the negative editorial concerning the changeover of card catalog to computer. We would like to address our comments in order of those in the editorial.

First, patrons do not have to be literate to enjoy the library. Many people of all educational levels use this library, obtaining information or entertainment from a variety of sources, including videocassettes and books on tape. As for being computer literate, this statement was misleading. Using a PAC (Patron Access Computer) only requires a person to be able to read the choices on the terminal screen and to press the appropriate keys on the keyboard. Computer literacy is the ability to use and understand one kind of computer with many programs. This is not the case at our library.

Second, the library computer can locate materials within the library with greater ease than the card catalog, and in addition, can give the patron more information. It allows patrons to find the materials they need not only be given them the call number, but also by giving the exact area location within the library. And if the item is checked out, the due date is given. Also, if the patron wants to reserve the item, this can be done easily and quickly. One can browse or scroll information on the computer to find interesting titles just as you could with the card catalog. And with the computer you will see if the item is available, something you could not do with cards.

Third, the number of persons using a computer is not necessarily more limited than the use of the card catalog. Only so many people could get to a drawer in the card catalog -- one drawer with coverage of only a small part of the alphabet. All those persons who formerly had use of the card catalog were not searching the entire catalog, only a small portion of it -- unlike the computer, which at one location, can see all the libraries holdings. And at times there were lines for a drawer in the card catalog, just as there are lines at times at the circulation or reference desk. This is a fact of life.

Lastly, we would like to say that this changeover from card catalog to computer is progress. Patrons can have better and more timely service, as materials can be checked in and get back on the shelves faster than with the old system. The public should not be afraid that computers will replace books; the automated catalog is only an index to locate materials. People will continue to be able to curl up in bed with a good book -- one they were able to obtain with faster service than they had before. As librarians we would be just as horrified to have a world without books.

The library's goal has always been to offer effective and timely service to the public, and now with automated operations patrons will get even better service than before. We are always here to offer assistance to anyone in need of help locating materials, or

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even answers to questions. We feel that the automated catalog at our library is easy to use; give it a try, you'll love it!

Norma Colton

Valerie Hill

Janice Ward

Elizabeth Pessagno

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TLC. During National Library Week, April 18-24, the York County Public Library sponsored a "Name the Newsletter" contest. The winner, Sue Scherling of York County, holds the first issue of the new newsletter, while Janice Ward, left, head of circulation at the library, presents her with a Waldenbooks gift certificate. Scherling's entry was titled "TLC," Total Library Coverage. "I am either in a library or a book store during my free time," says Scherling, a Chapter I reading specialist for Williamsburg schools. "The hours at the York County Library are good for working people and the staff are never too busy to offer each patron another kind of TLC — tender loving care. The premiere issue of the newsletter is available free at the library circulation desk.

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Bookmobile to roll beginning Monday

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The York County bookmobile will begin operation Monday with a limited trial run. On this date, the bookmobile will stop at Yorkshire Townhomes at 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., Yorktown Square at 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and the Senior Center at 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. All times are approximate.

The bookmobile, donated to the county by the York County Business Association, is a collaborative effort between the county and the library for the purpose of extending library services.

The bookmobile will be operated as part of the literacy program sponsored by the Division of Children's Services of the Community Services Department.

For more information, call 890-3888.

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Bookmobile is now open for business

The York County Bookmobile will begin operation on Monday, May 24, with a limited trial run. On this date, the bookmobile will stop at Yorkshire Townhomes at approximately 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., at Yorktown Square at approximately 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and at the Senior Center at approximately 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

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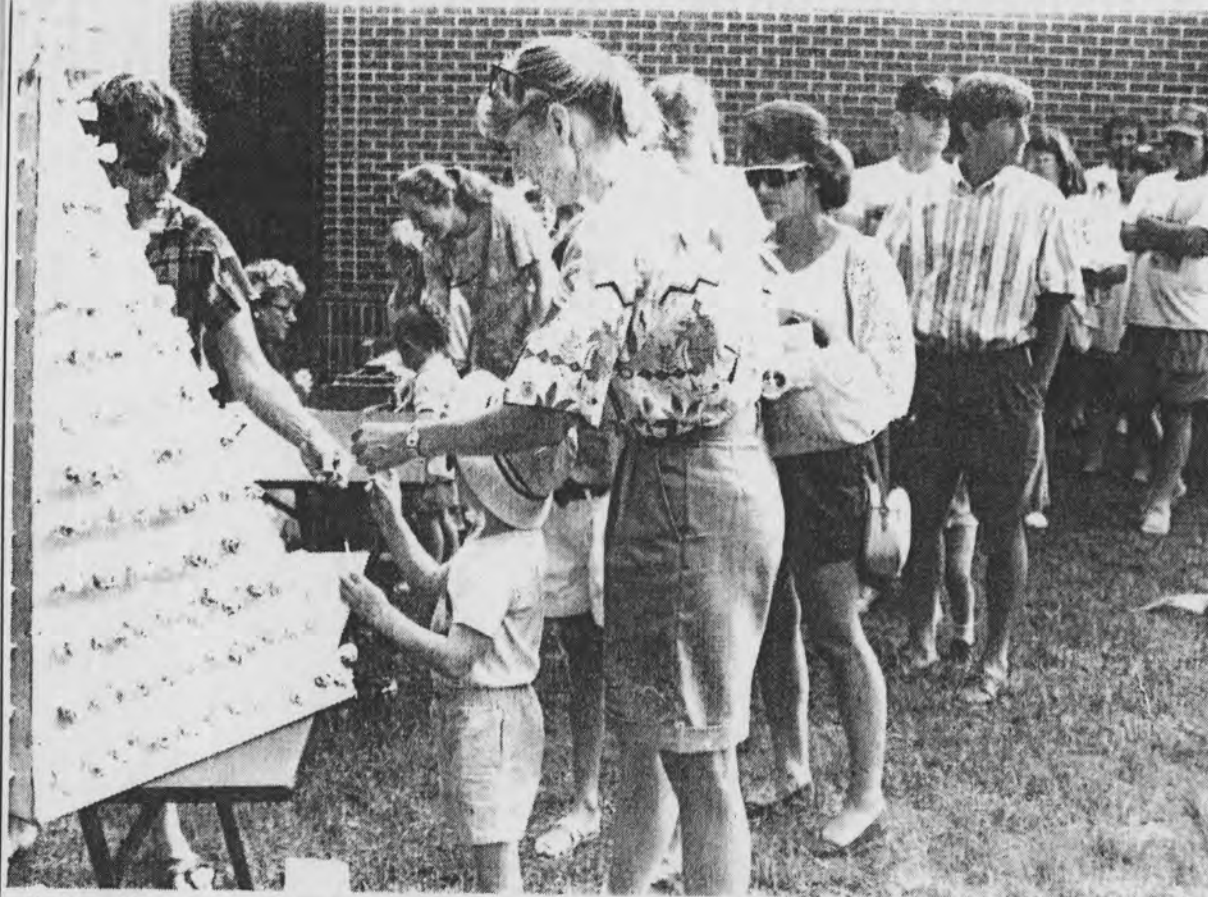
Shoppers find book bargains

The Friends of the York County Public Library held a Used Book Sale at the library recently. Shoppers, above, browsed and were able to stock up on summer reading materials. Lauren Shirey and her sister Leigh Anne, left, look over the children's books prior to making a selection.



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Family fun

The York County Public Library held a Family Fun Fair as part of its summer reading activities program last Tuesday evening. Games and entertainment were featured for all who attended. Terry Gifford, above, receives a prize after selecting a winning lollipop from the nearby tree. Children enrolled in the Summer Reading Program and their parents, right, play a game of 'Read,' which is similar to Bingo. For more, please see page 7.



Library to close early on Tuesday

The York County Public Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13. Books may be returned in the book-drop. The reason for the closing is the Fun Fair for children who participate in the Summer Reading Club and their families.

The library will reopen at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14.

For more information regarding the Summer Reading Program, call the library at 890-3377.



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Library celebrates summer

Summer Reading Clubs sponsored by the York County Public Library include 'Books Make The World Go Round' for younger children and an Egyptian theme 'Peer Amid Books' for those in grades 2 through 6. Participants and their parents enjoyed a Family Fun Fair at the library as part of the program recently. Bob DeMaris and Beverly Dudley, above, serve drinks to the thirst crowd. Tess Donadio, left, engraves a bracelet while Sharon Bailey assists.

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York County library needs volunteers

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The York County Public Library needs volunteers to shelve read and maintain shelf order, supervise children's area in the evenings and visit convalescent centers and help supply reading needs. For more information, call Janice Ward, 890-3377.

York bookmobile expands schedule

YORK

The York County Bookmobile has expanded its schedule and will now operate on this weekly schedule:

■ **Monday** — 10:30-11:30 a.m., Yorkshire Townhomes; 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Yorktown Square/Rivermeade/adjoining subdivisions

■ **Tuesday** — 10:30-11:30 a.m., Joan of Arc Catholic Church; noon-1 p.m., Carver Gardens

■ **Wednesday** — 10:45-11:30 a.m., Zion Prospect Baptist Church (serves Firby and Darby roads); noon-1 p.m., Yorkshire Townhomes

■ **Thursday** — 10:30-11:15 a.m., Fidelity Trailer Park/Blackwell Trailer Park/Grafton Trailer Park; 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Zion Methodist Church; 12:45-1:30 p.m., York Terrace

The schedule is subject to change without notice.

Residents may borrow books for free for a period of three weeks. A York County library card is needed to check out books.

Cards may be obtained at the bookmobile by showing a photo identification card and/or proof of address.

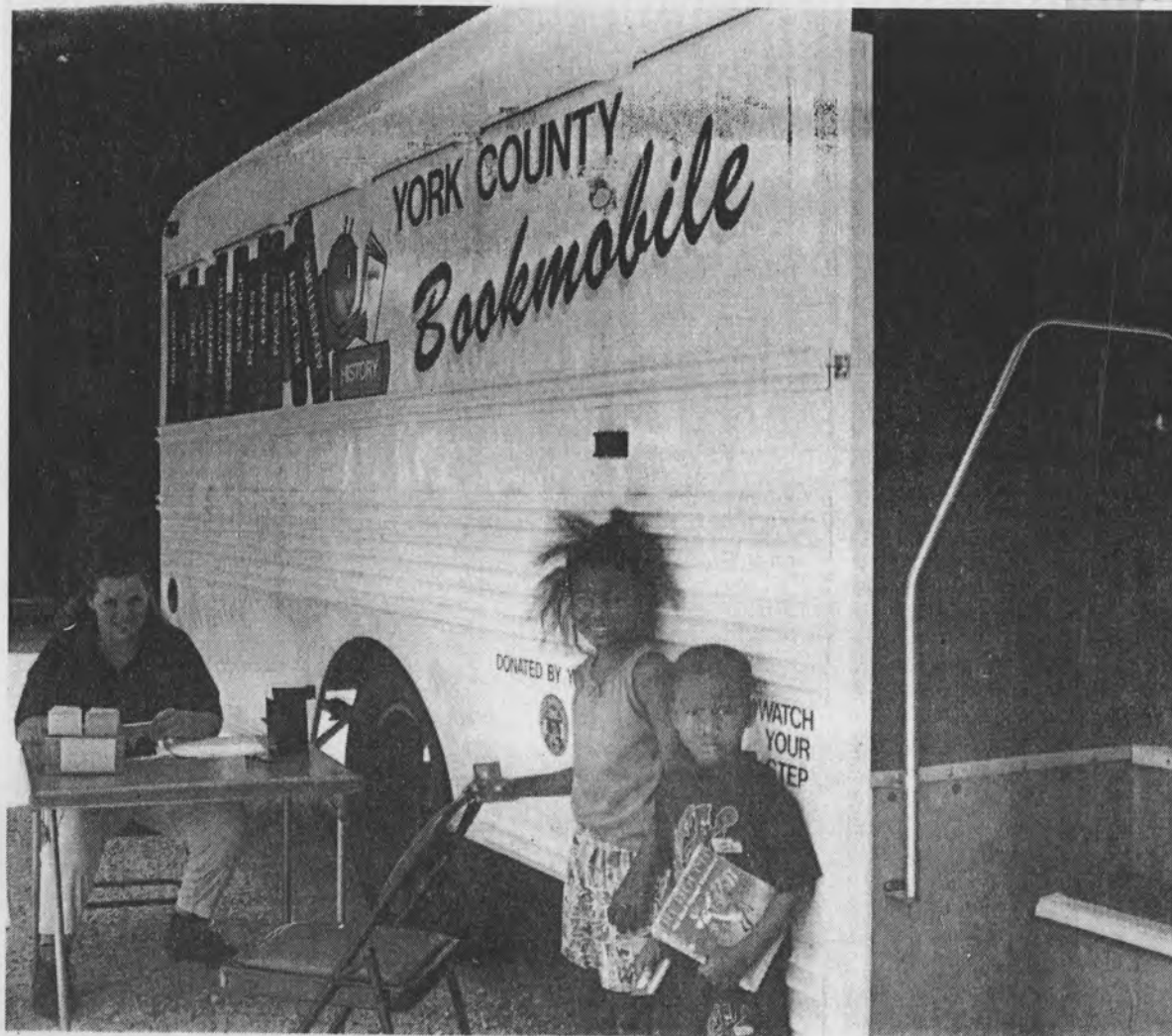
Books may be returned directly to the bookmobile or to the York County Public Library.

The bookmobile was presented to the county by the York County Business Association earlier this year.

It offers a selection of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books, children's books with cassettes and an assortment of magazines.

For more information, call Ann at 890-3888.

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Mobile books

The York County Bookmobile has been making stops throughout parts of the county since May. At left, driver Michelle Smith, helps Adrian VanDukes select a book. Above, Likita Martin, 7; and brother Aaron Martin, 4, check out their books at a stop at Zion Prospect Baptist Church.

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Friends plan library survey

The Friends of the York County Public Library will be conducting a telephone survey of county residents from Sept. 15 through Oct. 2.

Friends will be calling to ask how well the library is meeting citizens' needs and how library services and materials can be improved. All responses are confidential.

This information is valuable in the Friends' efforts to provide first rate library service to the citizens of York County. Residents who receive calls are urged to take a minute or two to answer the surveyor's questions.

Library parking, access to improve

The York County Public Library is scheduled to be closed on Friday, Nov. 5, to allow the construction crew to complete the final asphaltting of the parking area and new access to Battle Road. The library is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m.

The construction project at the library will expand the parking capacity and allow access from the parking lot directly onto Battle Road. Patrons will be able to use the traffic light at Battle Road and Route 17 for safer turns onto Route 17 in both north and south directions. The project is expected to be completed by early November.

For more information about this closing, call the library at 890-3377.

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Story hour to begin at York County Library

Sign-up for fall story hour at the York County Public Library begins on Monday, Sept. 20, and may be done in person at the library or by calling 890-3377.

The program consists of book sharing, storytelling, music, puppetry, holiday parties and crafts.

There are two story hour age groups. The younger is for children who were 2 years old by Feb. 1. These children come to story hour with an adult. No younger siblings

Saturday Story Hour offered at library

Students in kindergarten through third grade can spend an hour hearing a story, making crafts and meeting storybook characters at Saturday Story Hour to be held at the York County Public Library on Saturday, March 19, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Beta Omicron of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Women Educators. Members of this organization are current and retired teachers from the York County School Division.

Reservations are required. Call the library at 890-3377.

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Income tax help offered at library

The Internal Revenue Service is sponsoring two volunteer tax programs to help individuals prepare their tax returns. VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) offers income tax preparation assistance to individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking taxpayers, and lower income taxpayers. TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) offers assistance to taxpayers over age 60.

TEC volunteers will be available at the York County Public Library, 8500 George Washington Hwy. on Fridays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

VITA assistance will be available at the Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

No appointment is required.





Tabb library part of budget forum

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Next to the \$2.9 million that has been requested to service York County School debts and next to the \$2 million in the budget proposed by the School Board, \$106,000 seems to be a piddling figure.

That is what the FY95 proposed budget lists for a Tabb library, which doesn't exist but "is needed . . . as a permanent solution" to a growing problem, Library Chairman David Donovan told the Board of Supervisors Wednesday night.

What is needed, he said, are both land and a storefront library, which could be located in area shopping centers such as Shady Banks or Kiln Creek Center.

Donovan was one of 16 speakers who made budget requests of varying degrees in a budget forum at the County Courthouse.

County Administrator Danny Stuck, said Public Information Director John Carl, has met with Poquoson City Manager Bob Murphy "in preliminary negotiations" to consider the possibility of the two adjacent localities combining efforts to produce one library. Poquoson has already taken initial steps towards constructing a much-needed new one.

Donovan said that "the trustees believe that both the storefront and land acquisition are important and needed now. The trustees recognize that having land acquisition and a storefront this budget year may be a concern to the supervisors. The trustees would be most willing to initiate a dialogue with the

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David Donovan

Trustees Chairman
York County Public Library

supervisors."

Donovan also reported that a recent survey conducted by Friends of the Library, shows that 40 percent who responded gave the library an excellent rating, 47 percent good and 4 percent fair. Nobody rated the library poor.

The same survey showed that 74 percent of the Tabb respondents said "a more convenient location" was the best way the library could be improved.

Another suggestion concerning Tabb came from citizen Keith Derby, whose presentation mostly dwelt with the schools.

However, he suggested "a dual purpose library" in Tabb High School for both students and citizens "that may save taxpayers some money."

While the School Board requests are a healthy part of an overall budget of about \$55 million, Derby

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wondered if the \$2 million are enough. He also challenged the board to face up to the challenge of a need for school reform.

In a lengthy presentation to the supervisors he called the school board request "very lean, so lean that it fails to provide adequate resources." He emphasized that compared to neighboring localities, the county spends the least per student.

"No one can fairly accuse York County of spending too much on education. Many of our schools are old and in need of repairs. Others are severely overcrowded. Mobile classrooms are reminders of our failure to adequately fund the school system. Teacher supplies are almost nonexistent, class sizes are higher than they should be and some badly needed programs for children at risk have not been funded."

Derby also touched on leaking roofs, poor discipline "and many other nagging problems." He cited the nationwide need for improving schools.

"Every school should form a task force of teachers, parents and administrators to identify ways to improve the education of our children . . . There is no shortage of ideas for improving schools. Our

teachers and parents are loaded with them . . .

"The truth is that we are failing to adequately prepare our children for the challenges they face in the global job market. We need you to jump start the school reform movement . . . Money alone will not do it. Sit down with Dr. (Steven) Staples and the School Board and lay out an agenda for reforming our schools. Ask parents, teachers and business leaders to help you.

"Our future, yours, mine and everyone's depends on the success of our educational system."

In all, seven major budget issues were listed by Stuck totalling \$5.25 million. But eight Colonial Services representatives sought over \$300,000. Colonial problems are multiplying because the population also is growing.

On March 31, the supervisors will formally receive the budget, which won't be approved until May 5.

A public hearing is scheduled April 12 at York High School and a board work session on the hearing is set for April 14. Other budget work sessions are set for April 19, 26 and, if necessary, April 28.

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York, Poquoson ponder library

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

If a new library were to be constructed in Poquoson, it could be at a site about a mile from the York County intersection of Route 171 and Carys Chapel Road. The City of Poquoson has an option to a piece of property there in the Big Woods section off Victory Boulevard.

Significantly, some 25,000 York County residents — mostly in Tabb — live in a five-mile radius surrounding that spot. Poquoson's population is around 11,500.

Such numbers were brought to light at last Friday's initial meeting be-

tween York County and Poquoson representatives.

"We were trying to get a feel of ideas from both sides," said York County supervisor Jim Funk, the only elected representative from among the nine people on hand at the York County Library.

Included were three members of the York County Library Board, two from Poquoson board, the York County and Poquoson librarians and York County Community services Director Anne Smith.

Also on hand was Poquoson Director of Planning and Community Development Jeffrey J. Mihelich. "It

was an interesting and fruitful meeting," he said. "But, it was very preliminary."

There are time constraints facing both cities, both of which want to make a decision before budget plans for FY95 are completed.

Poquoson has a library in cramped Poquoson Avenue quarters. The city only recently made a low interest loan of \$5 million for construction of one of several projects. It has not decided what project it will undertake.

York County has a library on Route 17, but several miles from Tabb and

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basically accessible only by driving on heavily trafficked Route 17.

It is not the first time York County has explored library potential with another locality. In 1992, the county met with Newport News representatives in exploring the possibility of

locating a library that would serve Tabb residents.

Because Newport News was not interested in constructing a new library in Kiln Creek, which would have been easily accessible to Tabb people, there was no meeting after the initial one, Funk said.

This time, however, a meeting is scheduled again for this Friday at the County Library.

"What we need at the moment," Funk said, "is to get information from both localities on what support there is for such a joint project. I really don't know how we'll go."

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Library group takes time out

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Committees from York County and Poquoson investigating construction of a joint library are taking a brief "time out."

No date has been set for their next session, said York County Supervisor Jim Funk, who represents Tabb, which needs library facilities closer than the York County Public Library.

"Each group wants to go to its locality and talk about some general questions," he said. "I anticipate that would meet again within a month, but the date was left open."

He indicated last week's session was distinctly upbeat. "What we were looking for was probing the depth of things that need to be discussed."

Specifically, some of the things representatives will probe when talking with county and city staff

people are size of the potential library and "do we have the same idea on what library services are?"

Also, said Funk, "we need to be sure both sides are really interested in the project. I think they are because both the York Board of Supervisors and the Poquoson City Council have shown in the past they are open to regionalism."

In this instance, the library most likely would be in Poquoson, where the city has an option on property in Big Woods off Victory Boulevard. This is about a mile east of the York County intersection of Route 171 and Cary's Chapel Road.

The March 7 meeting at the county library was attended by Poquoson Mayor Cornell Burcher. In the previous meeting, Poquoson had not sent an elected official.

Poquoson Director of Planning and Community Development Jeffrey J. Mihelich is compiling a list of major questions for each locality

to consider before they convene again.

"Both staffs have to look into how this project will fit into their budget," said Funk.

One thing both sides agreed on, he said, "was that there is no need in this building for a performing arts center. we're thinking about basic library services."

However, that leads to another question, said Funk. "Because of hi-tech, what does that mean? It's a very big, broad question." He pointed out that the growth of computerized library equipment has changed many things, including space requirements. "So, each group must define what it feels are the requirements of a basic library."

"I think that answering the big questions internally among each government is important. Then, we'll see how much agreement there is. I feel pleased about what we both are trying to accomplish."

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Councilman opposes joint library

By Bob Moskowitz
Town Crier staff

Most elected officials from the York County and Poquoson areas talk of cooperative efforts concerning a proposed cooperative library. Not Poquoson City Councilman Jim Holloway.

"Let's nip it in the bud," he requested at a March 14 council meeting.

His city peers like Mayor Cornell Burcher would like to at least further "investigate" building a new library in Poquoson.

It would be constructed in conjunction with the county, where the Tabb area needs a facility separate from the York County Public Library located some miles north on Route 17.

Mary Sinclair, a member of the York board of supervisors, points to the importance of a "cooperative effort" between the two communities. She also asks "can we improve the quality and capacity of a facility with shared expenses so that everyone benefits?"

Sinclair also points to the success of the Williamsburg Regional Library to which York County makes an annual contribution.

City Councilman W. Crosby Forrest III feels "we should work together and research the benefits to each. We're a long way from being ready for any decision, but we

"York County has four times the population we do. It will want that kind of control over the library, and I don't want that."

Jim Holloway
Poquoson
City Council

should not stop investigating now."

Despite his critics, Holloway offers some genuine concerns.

Mostly, he is concerned that if there is a joint effort, the cost of the project would go up "and we'd spend what we were going to in the first place, so we wouldn't be saving anything."

He points out that "we've got Comprehensive Improvement Plan funds for improvements for the library. I have misgivings for giving up some of our pride when it comes to this project. I know we have shared on other issues."

He also frets considerably over

"whether we'd retain reasonable control of the library, even though it would be built in Poquoson (in Big Woods off Victory Boulevard near the York County border).

"York County has four times the population we do. It will want that kind of control over the library and I don't want that." Still, he admits "I haven't had enough contact to ascertain how much control they really would have.

"I wouldn't have agreed to the bond issue (recently passed for \$5 million and which will help finance the library) if I knew we would go in with York County on this."

Still, Burcher emphasizes "it's too early to say how either side feels on any of these issues. A larger library would be advantageous. We need to emphasize the positive."

Forest says "I'm concerned that some don't want to at least investigate. We need to be cautious that that we check this out completely."

Holloway is the only elected official in either county to speak out against continued investigations of the feasibility of the project.

The committee is in the midst of a break in negotiations while representatives go back to their locality and discuss general questions about it. Resumption is expected within a month.

Friends of York County Library

Invites You to Attend Their

Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Wednesday, April 27, 1994

11:30 A.M.

Crooks Methodist Church Hall

Cook Road

RSVP by April 13, 890-3377

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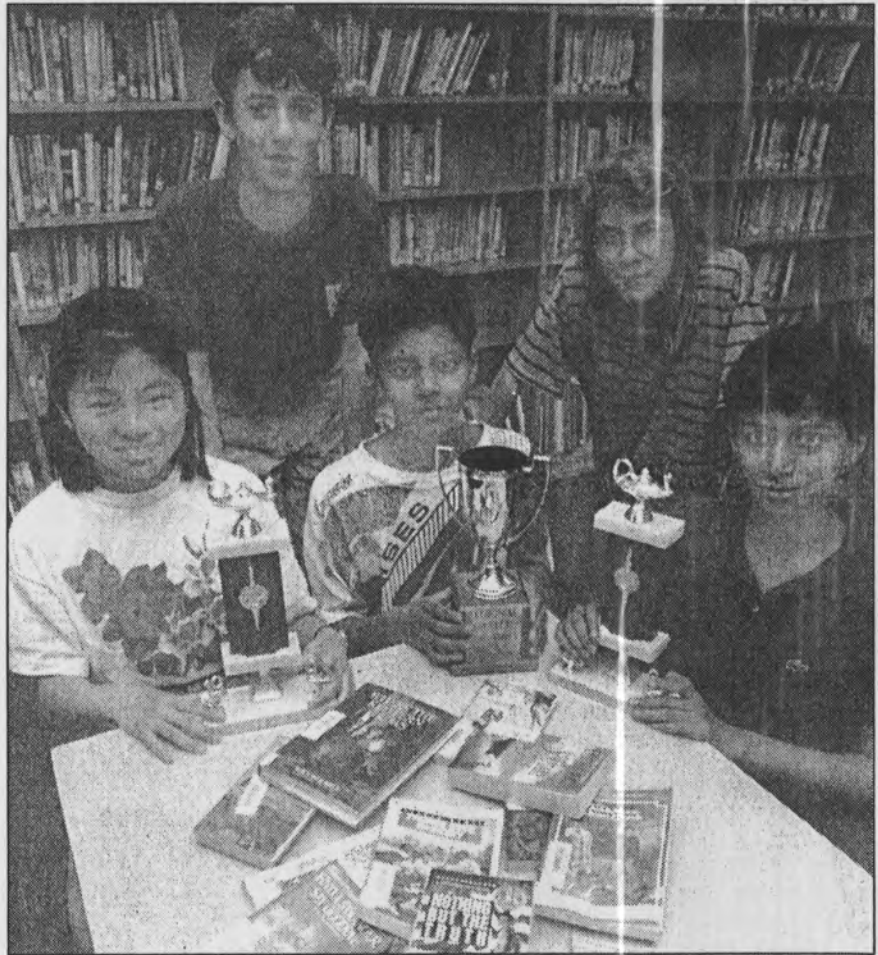
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SCHOOL/YOUTH NOTES

BATTLE OF BOOKS. Tabb Middle School recently won the regional "Battle of the Books" competition for grades six through eight, which was held at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The team was sponsored by the York County Public Library. The competition is designed to motivate children to read. Here, with some of the books which they read, from left, are Wenya "Linda" Bi, 12, Tim Goode, 13, Sanjay Venkateswaran, 13, Rachel Yetter, 13, and Vivek Iyer, 14.

Kenneth D. Lyons/Daily Press



Library offers summer program for grades 7-9

The York County Public Library is offering a summer program for students in grades seven through nine beginning Tuesday, June 21 and running through Thursday, Aug. 11. Registration is currently underway.

Most of the programs will be offered Wednesday afternoons, according to Children's Librarian Sherry Inabinet. She plans to let the participants have input into hours and days when possible.

Participants will have an opportunity to experience first-hand many of the decisions libraries make on a day to day basis. The students will help select Young Adult books for inclusion in the library's collection, and will help determine which Young Adult books should be removed from

the shelves.

In addition, participants will help with the library's children's program, working with the children and helping with the shelving of children's books. One session has been earmarked for a cooking and craft day, with bread, potpourri, woodworking and other crafts on the menu.

The library will award prizes which include free books, merchandise or trips to theme parks and museums. Participants will also have an opportunity to suggest other programs and activities.

For information or to register, contact Sherry or Emily at 890-3377 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, or go by the library.

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Genealogical, Health Search Systems At York Library

Two new CD-ROM reference systems, FamilySearch and Health Reference Center, are available for public use at the York County Public Library.

FamilySearch is a software program developed by the family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, to give genealogists a way to search millions of names in seconds.

The other new reference system, Health Reference center, offers a health library in one integrated system which includes access to information in 170 professional journals, 110 general interest magazines, 550 medical pamphlets and five medical reference books.

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Long-ago ancestors, modern medicine available at library

Would you like to track an ancestor's immigration to this country? Do you have any medical questions you'd like to research? If so, the York County Public Library has two new computer systems which will come in real handy.

The library is currently testing two CD-ROM systems, FamilySearch® and the Health Reference Center™. Both high-tech systems boast are "user friendly" with prompts which help even the computer novice in a search for data.

Since its founding in 1894, the family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, had been dedicated to acquiring and preserving genealogical data. In its first century of operation, the Family History Library has collected vital information on hundreds of millions of deceased individuals. To facilitate searching vast amounts of genealogical data, a unique software program was developed and appropriately named FamilySearch.

The program utilizes CD-ROM technology to provide researchers the opportunity of searching millions of names in a matter of seconds. FamilySearch also allows patrons to print pedigrees and family group records or to download data to diskette for their personal family records.

FamilySearch includes the following resource files:

- Ancestral File™, which contains information on over 15 million individuals linked into family groups and pedigrees;

- International Genealogical Index™; which lists the names and vital information of over 200 million individuals from the middle ages to modern times. The records can be searched by name, parent's names, spouse names, or country of event. Separate disks are available for British Isles and Wales, Continental and Southwest Europe, Germany, Mexico, North America, Scandinavia, and South and Central America, Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands and miscellaneous world;

- Family History Library Catalog™, which describes the collection of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City;

- Social Security Death Index, which includes a listing of approximately 39.5 million deceased individuals dating primarily from 1962 to 1988 whose families collected Social Security death benefits;

- Military Index, which lists almost 100,000 United States military service men and women who died in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

If conditions of the living are of more interest than one's ancestors, the Health Reference Center allows patrons in seconds to search 170 journals on health, fitness, nutrition and medicine. The material includes full text coverage of approximately 110 consumer-oriented magazines, newsletters and professional journals with abstracts of technical articles written in lay language. It also includes over 550 medical education pamphlets published by recognized authorities.

Also, the full-text of five leading medical reference books is available: Mosby's Medical Dictionary, The People's Book of Medical Tests, Oryx Press Consumer Health Information Source Book, USP Advice for the Patient, and Columbia University's Complete Home Medical Guide. The listing of relevant articles, abstracts and full text are displayed on the computer screen. All or any parts of the listings/abstracts/full text can be printed out for future reference.

The new reference system is always up-to-date because a new database with indexing of the latest issues is delivered monthly. The database is recorded by laser on a compact disc, which is similar to those used for audio recordings.

Patrons simply sit at the computer terminal, type in the subject they wish to search, press a button, and almost instantly they'll see a listing of article son the subject. In addition, the program suggests other related topics that the user may wish to view. The patron can scan the lists, selecting specific references to be printed or choose to print all of the references. patrons can find complete information on disease, prescriptions and all aspects of medicine, nutrition and health care.

For Librarian Dudley, life is 'good news, bad news'

Third in a series on the people who work for the citizens of York County.

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Beverly Dudley is a living, breathing example of the good news-bad news syndrome.

For example, "our business is steadily going up," says the only library director York County has had. On the other hand, she frets openly that "gradually, volunteers are dropping out and people in general don't have time to read for pleasure."

Conversation with this one-time volunteer who has worked her way to the top of a modern, efficient, fast-growing branch of York County government sheds light on several other examples.

She talks about a decrease in fiction reading while there is an increase in non-fiction interest and she points to the invasion of computers into every-day library life. "It's exciting to know what you can do with them," she says. On the other hand "they're annoying because one stroke can mess everything up."

Another such item is that "we're still serving the same clients in a different and better way. It's exciting. I think, working in a library today is the most interesting and exciting place to be as far as new things are concerned."

The bad-news part is "to get the best information it costs. If the information is good, it has to be kept up by staff, which means money, which means the patrons pay when they use it."

There is one final example. Speaking both for herself and the library, she is "happy with the way things worked out." However, after this "things can be very painful for us because our shelves are maxed out. We're getting a few more shelves in July. Then we will have to get rid of books which aren't used a lot. That's a librarian's nightmare," she says.

Dudley first got involved with the library as a volunteer some 25 years ago.

"I came under the mantle of the York County Volunteers Association." She came to the library in its second year of using volunteers and "I kind of hung around."

She gradually worked her way from volunteer to full-time em-



Beverly Dudley

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York Employees

A look at the people who work for the citizens of York County

ployee.

"When William Larue was county administrator, the Board of Supervisors took over the library operations and agreed to pay someone part time." She was the first to hold the position and "things kinda grew from there."

Dudley had worked in libraries in high school and college, "so I

had been a fairly experienced volunteer."

Eventually, she earned her master's degree in Library Information Science from Catholic University. She calls it "a sort of commuter's Masters Degree," because she took classes at Old Dominion University and University of Richmond as well as Catholic.

The changes the York Library has experienced during her tenure have been steady and endless. "They are evident both in the library and in the public's use of the library," she says.

At first "we didn't have problems finding volunteers and people loved books." In her early days, the library was in a house at Grafton Drive and Route 17 and then it moved to a building where the Post

Office had been in the Grafton Shopping Center.

Then came the Sept. 10, 1984, ceremonies for the opening of the current building on Route 17. Up to then, books, shelves, furniture and most of the labor were all donated.

In 1981, a bond referendum was on a ballot and passed. The four-acre site was donated by the late Leslie O'Hara and ground was broken in September 1983.

Now the library is haunted by an old, old refrain. It is running out of space.

"This library needs to expand," says Dudley. That holds, she says, "even if a second one is built in Tabb," or if the county shares expenses building a new library in Poquoson so that it is accessible to Tabb residents.

She feels "expansion is a must for the future" and she offers a number of reasons why.

"We need to have a place for literacy tutoring, a small private room where people who can't read can learn."

There also is a need for "rooms for group study, both large and small. We need more rooms for computers because the printers are noisy. And we need room for children's programs and certainly we need a larger conference room than the one we have."

Computers, of course, are playing more and more of a key role in libraries everywhere. Only this past year, the old-fashioned index card file was abandoned for a computerized method.

Next, she says, "are network computers. That is, land networks where you can go to any computer and pull up any program the library has in its server. Then, people will probably be able to dial us from their homes. They can't do that yet, but the interest is there." However, she warns, "it will be expensive."

Dudley's staff "has been here for years and years."

Her assistant director is Norma Colton; Sherry Inabinet is children's librarian; Elizabeth Pessagno is reference librarian and Valerie Hill is cataloguer and assistant administrator for automation system; Janice Ward is head of circulation and Tess Donadio is secretary. There also are seven half-timers at the staff circulation desk and a "half-dozen or so" pagers or shelvees.

Book boss becomes stalwart in county

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Technically, Beverly Dudley is the York County Chief Librarian. "I call myself Library Director," says the native of Abilene, Kan., who once was a school teacher in a school for military dependents in France.

"That's a tremendous way to see the world," she says.

It also proved to be a "tremendous way" to find a husband. She met hers there, eventually marrying the late George S. Dudley, who retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel.

He was stationed at Fort Monroe in Hampton three times and during those periods, his family became attached to York County. Beverly, her son and twin daughters, all have resided here most of the time since they first moved in in 1960.

Librarian Dudley went to Emporia State College, graduating with a B.S. in 1954 and received her master's degree from Catholic University.

When she first reached out to the York County Library as a volunteer shortly after moving here, Dudley was involved in a number of activities.

She even organized a Home Demonstration Club, "but you couldn't do that today, because everyone works."

She is caught up in the pattern and finds that her librarian's

duties have become "my hobby." In its wake are memories of her days as a bridge player and pianist, among other things.

She still reads for pleasure and for the past year-and-a-half, she has been deeply involved in renovating her home in Tabb.

Renovations also go on in her professional world. Choices by readers have changed noticeably, she says.

"People don't have as much time to read for pleasure. They take the time for news and for business reading . . . Still, best-sellers are very popular."

She says television-watching hurts some, but the main culprit is "it seems to take two paychecks for every home. People are just much busier than they used to be."

As a result there is lots of "do-it-yourself reading. People do everything themselves these days, including buying gas," she says. "Lots of people are very careful consumers and wisely they use us a lot as a place to obtain information."

She clicks off examples that include going to the library to learn where used or new cars are on sale, where to buy and what to buy in the way of new appliances or new medical drugs, or to obtain consumer reports.

"We're happy to provide the information," she says.



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Family fun

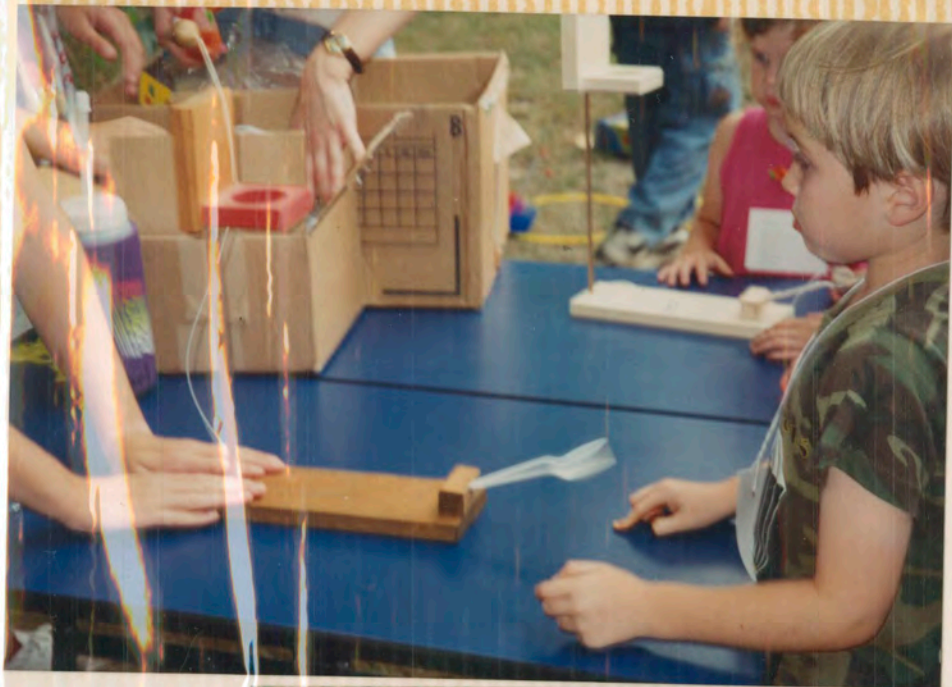
The York County Public Library held a Family Fun Fair as part of its summer reading program recently. Children and parents enjoyed games set up on the lawn at the rear of the library. Special guest for the evening was storyteller Dylan Pritchett. Above the Chini family, Stephanie, from left, Courtney, Christopher, Zachary and Matt enjoy the event. At left, Kris Clegg, wins a lollypop along with his sisters Rhevyn and Sheræ while Sheri Clegg looks on.





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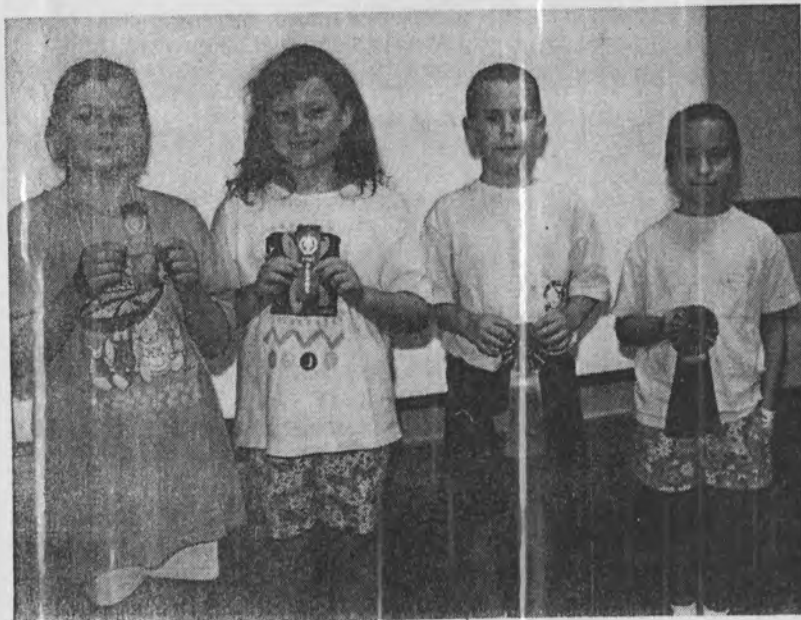
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Snakes alive!

The critters which visited the York County Public Library last week were not your average bookworms. They were snakes and other reptiles, part of Ron Cromer's traveling 'Snakes alive!' exhibit which came to the library as part of its summer reading program. At top, parent volunteers help out with Penelope, a 23-year-old python who is 16 feet long and weighs 200 pounds. Above left, Cromer shows off an iguana and above right, Bob Demarais helps Jarrod Gantt handle a snake while Sarah Nickerson looks on.



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Winners all!

The York County Public Library Summer Reading Program, 'Books are a Magic Trip,' concluded with an awards program and cooking contest recently. Those who read the most books in grades four to six, from left above are Candice Brower, Chrissy Pinnell, Amy Loveless, Dawn Livesay, Karen Livesay and Megan Johnson. At left, Chrissy Pinnell and Erin Long hold first place ribbons for their cookie recipes, while Fred Harlan and Lauren Leopold won honorable mentions.

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In Brief

Library hosts Story Hour

Sign-up for Fall Story Hour at the York County Public Library is now in progress. The Story Hour consists of book sharing, storytelling, music, fingerplays, parties, puppetry and crafts. There is no charge for the program.

There are two Story Hour groups. The older is for children age 3 1/2 to 6. These children come to Story Hour alone while a responsible adult remains in the library building.

The younger group is for children ages 2 1/2 to 3 (must be 2 by March 1). A responsible adult accompanies these children to Story Hour and younger siblings may not attend.

Call the library at 890-3377, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for more information regarding times and registration.



GOP donation

The York Republican Womens Club recently donated a copy of the book, 'The Republican Party' by Congressman Schwengel, to the York County Public Library. Above, from left, club member Freida Drees makes the presentation to Librarian Beverly Dudley.

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In Brief

County library to hold open house

The York County Public Library is "Celebrating 10 Years of Progress" with an open house on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The activities scheduled for the open house will feature demonstrations of the library's latest information technology, door prizes for adults and children, music by the York River Orchestra String Quartet and refreshments provided by the Friends of the York County Public Library.

For more information about the open house, call the library at 890-3377.

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The current library building opened to the public on Monday, Sept. 10, 1984, with 28,647 books; 12,403 registered members and answers to 1,003 reference questions. Today, 10 years later, the library contains 66,681 books; 24,688 registered members and has answered 23,525 reference questions.

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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers opened the first public library in York county and volunteers continue to make the York County Public Library strong.

Today Volunteers do not just check books in and out.

- Vounteers mend damaged books
- A volunteer was Santa Claus for our pre-school storyhours and provided a "special guest" at a peanut butter and jelly lunch with Santa last Christmas.
- Volunteers assist in the children's area from 6 to 9 weekday evenings.
- Volunteers shelf read to make sure books are in the correct order.
- Volunteers address notices to be mailed on overdue materials.

If you are interested in volunteering at the library, stop by the circulation desk and fill out an application.

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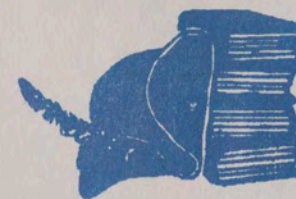
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Beverly Dudley, Library Director
oversees book collection

This has been a busy and productive year for the York County Public Library. Population growth has dramatically increased the use of all library services, and the library staff is meeting the challenge, using this opportunity to serve more York County residents.

To this end, several projects were initiated:

- Renovation of the library's parking lot to provide additional parking and allow direct access to Battle Road and Rt. 17
- Improved lighting of the entry way and parking lot for added security
- Introduction of two new CD-ROM reference systems, FamilySearch and Health Reference Center for new dimensions for research in genealogy and health-related questions
- Publication of a library newsletter to report coming events, policy changes and provide other library news.



One of our younger patrons enjoys some quiet reading time.

CIRCULATION

During FY94 circulation continued to climb, breaking the 300 thousand mark. 301,840 items were checked out from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994 — an increase of 10% over FY93.

An all time record was set on July 6, 1993 when 2703 items were checked out. But other records continued to be broken. On Sunday, January 2, 1994 237 items per hour were checked out. A Sunday record!! Daily average was 890 items per day.

BOOK CIRCULATION

Adult Fiction	71,031
Adult Non-Fiction	78,236
Juvenile Fiction	75,758
Juvenile Non-Fiction	28,770

Total Books 253,795

AUDIO-VISUAL CIRCULATION

Book Cassettes	10,963
Children's Cassettes	3,017
Music Cassettes	438
Videos	33,610
Cameras	17

Total AV's 48,045

Reserves continue to increase each year with the ease of placing them on computer. 7,225 were placed during FY94, an increase of 21% over FY93.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of FY94 nearly 17,000 York County residents were members of the library. Non-residents added another 7,688 members, which broke down as follows:

Gloucester County	3,826
Newport News	2,436
Poquoson	352
Hampton	327
Williamsburg	255
So. Hampton Roads	57
Other localities	405

REFERENCE

From July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, the reference staff handled 23,525 reference questions. Helping with school projects and homework assignments, job searches, health information, and genealogical research are just part of the everyday services of the reference staff.

Two other popular reference services are voter registration and interlibrary loan. Reference staff members registered 298 Virginia residents this year; borrowed 176 items from other libraries and loaned 23.

A BEST BUY

In 1993-94 the typical York County resident paid \$8.88

for public library service. For that small contribution a library patron could borrow books, such as



Tom Clancy's <i>Sum of All Fears</i>	\$24.95
Alexander Ripley's <i>Scarlet</i>	24.95
John Grisham's <i>The Client</i>	23.50
Nicholas Barnard's <i>Living with Decorative Textiles</i>	45.00
Rosie Daley's <i>In The Kitchen</i>	14.95
Bob Woodward's <i>The Agenda</i>	25.00

or use items in the library, such as

ValueLine	\$525.00/yr
The Wall Street Journal	139.00/yr
Physician's Desk Reference	49.95
Consumer Reports	22.00

and receive assistance in finding information using reference materials, such as

Encyclopedia of Associations	\$305.00
New Car Cost Guide	79.00
Nat. Bus. Employment Weekly	199.00

If an individual had purchased only these materials the cost would have been

\$1477.30

COLLECTION

The library's collection increased by 6190 items this year bringing the total collection to 70,413 excluding pamphlets, uncataloged paperbacks and periodicals

67,221 books
1,615 audio cassettes
1,577 videos

Other books, either donated or weeded from the library's collection, are being stored for future use in a branch library.



Summer Reading Fun Fair

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's Services had a busy year with increased activities for young people:

- 152 storyhours were held for children aged 2 to 6 years
- Seasonal and library programming was emphasized
- 780 participated in the summer reading program, an increase of 32%
- The library sponsored York County School participation in the Battle of the Books competition. Winner of the Regional Middle School trophy
- Participants in the Summer Reading program read 14,354 books during the 8 week program.



Battle of the Books Regional Winners

FRIENDS

The Friends of the York County Public Library continue to provide the "extras" that the library budget does not cover through money raised by their semi-annual used book sale.

During 1993-94 the Friends of the Library provided programming for the Summer Reading program, a Kroy lettering machine, and the annual luncheon for library volunteers.



Book sales are always busy.



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York County
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Children's
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York weighs library, community center

By Amy Gardner
Daily Press

YORK

There's no question in Jere Mills' mind that Tabb could use a library.

Mills lives there. He represents most of the community on the Board of Supervisors. He thinks building a second York County library in Tabb — at an estimated cost of \$2 million — is a great idea.

"It's needed, and it will be used," Mills said Tuesday.

Mills and several of his colleagues on the board are not so sure about a \$7 million community center. That's the other big-ticket item supervisors are con-

sidering launching next year, and because they don't even know what a "community center" is, supervisors would like to keep discussions of the two separate.

"My decision would be to postpone indefinitely any work on a community center until we've got a better name for it," Mills said. "Some people are talking about a senior center, some people are talking about an athletic or wellness center, and some people are talking about a youth center. And if talking about the community center slows the library down, I don't want to have anything to do with the community center."

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Reading council offers Storytime

The Newport News Reading Council will sponsor a Bedtime Storytime at the York County Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Three and four year olds are invited to attend in their pajamas, listen to a story and snack on milk and cookies.

Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 890-3377.

Library to sponsor parties for children

The York County Public Library will sponsor a Christmas party for children in grades K-2 on Monday, Dec. 12, and for grades 3-5 on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Both parties will begin at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

The programs will consist of stories, a craft, games and refreshments.

There is no charge for the programs, but sign-up is necessary. Call 890-3377 to make a reservation or for more information.

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Supervisors are trying to decide by April 5, when they pass their 1995-96 spending plan, whether they will spend \$450,000 to buy land for the library next year. Also up for consideration is a \$100,000 expenditure to start designing a community center.

Both projects are slated for actual construction in 1998, but that date is tentative, and the board has established a pattern of pushing back less-pressing projects in its capital improvements plan each year.

But several supervisors said Tuesday they must decide now if they are committed to building the library — before they agree to spend any money on land or design. The same is true for the community center, they said.

"I have no reservations at all about trying to move forward on building a library," said Supervisor Dennis Gardner. But as far as a

community center is concerned, "I'd like to go out and get a feel for what we are considering building before we spend design money now," Gardner said.

County Administrator Daniel M. Stuck suggested using the \$450,000 to buy enough land to fit both the library and the community center. The supervisors can move forward with library construction, but can hold off making a decision on the community center, he said.

Stuck also suggested sending the community center, the library, or both to a referendum in November 1996, so supervisors know beyond a doubt whether county residents want them.

Stuck said the \$9 million for construction would probably be borrowed if the projects are approved.

Several supervisors said they support holding a referendum for the community center, but they don't see the need to do so for the library.

In any event, the community center must be defined before a referendum is held, supervisors said.

Sheila Noll, vice president of York County's Library Board, said she knows exactly what she wants in a new library. She wants it to have at least as many services as the one in Grafton, and enough room to house administrative offices, too — to give Grafton more room for books.

Numbers from a library survey support the need for a new facility, Noll said.

"The center of population in York County is in the Tabb area, and 92 percent of Tabb citizens use some library," she said. "But only 26 percent use the York library."

Users' main reason for checking out from other libraries is proximity, Noll said. Branches in Hampton and Newport News are often closer to Tabb homes than the York County Public Library, which is near Battle Road on Route 17.

"It takes 10 or 15 minutes; depending on the traffic," said Carol Hay, a Tabb resident who is eager to have a new library. "I have a small child, and it will be good to have something close by."

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Telling a story

The York County Library, in cooperation with the Newport News Reading Council, sponsored a Chinese storytelling program for young children recently. Professional storyteller Linda Fang, performing through Young Audiences of Virginia, presented authentic Chinese tales during a program to celebrate National Library Week.

Bookmobile program expands services

The York County Bookmobile program has expanded its services to include two local nursing homes, Darby and Firby Road in Tabb, and the Senior Center of York. The bookmobile was donated to the county by the York County Business Association, and it is a collaborative effort between the Community Services Department and the York County Public Library for the purpose of extending library services.

The bookmobile is operated as part of the literacy component of the Division of Children's Services.

The new Bookmobile schedule is as follows.

- Mondays -- Yorkshire Townhomes, Lackey, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Yorktown Square, Lackey, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Wednesdays (first and third) -- Darby and Firby Road, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Senior Center of York, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

- Wednesdays (second and fourth) -- Regency Convalescent Home, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; York Convalescent Home, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

For more information, call Liz Wright at 890-3891.

In addition, a volunteer Bookmobile driver is needed. The driver would be asked to commit to approximately three hours on Wednesday each week. Training will be provided. Call 890-3891 for more information concerning this position.

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Book-bashing increase causes library frustrations

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Reference books at the York County Library are being mutilated. The rate of book mauling is increasing, although "it's not snowballing," says Library Director Beverly Dudley.

"What we need," she says, "is an awareness, especially from parents" who might spot their children with sections of a book at home. The most disturbing part about vandalism of this sort, she says, "is that the guilty often are advanced students."

Most of this misconduct, which is a misdemeanor, is done by middle school and high school students working on projects, says Dudley.

She and her staff also have found that "investors have started stealing expensive items. One is a bi-weekly service that should be copied, but people just take it out of the building."

They also take out the "Blue Book," which lists values of used cars, "even though we require a driver's license just to use the book in the library."

The frustrating practice is expensive. Many books cost over \$100.

Even tapes have disappeared. "We've had to tape shut the caddies (tape-holders) and even one of those has been stolen," says Dudley.

Most of the student damage is done by older youngsters, Dudley says. However, "the younger kids sometimes cut out pictures after the teacher assigns them for reports."

One way to avoid that, she says, would be to allow photo copies to be made. "That would be a big help."

While the county's library staff frustrations grow, the malady is not unique to York.

"In some libraries in Tidewater, security personnel have been hired and that might help. But, I hate to think we're at that stage."

Dudley and Reference Librarian Elizabeth Pesagno say "it's hard to know how to combat this. That's why we are so frustrated."

They are even considering use of metal detectors, which could deter use of knives to damage the CD holders.

"We all feel so helpless," says Dudley, "because we take pride in obtaining what the public needs."

While she talks a lot about students perpetrating the damage, Dudley says "obviously there are many students who care" and the library tries to help them.

Some students can't afford the fee for copying "but

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Torn pages are evident in too many York County Library books

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any time a student can't afford them, we will make free copies. We much prefer doing that than having pages ripped out."

She knows teachers are generally extremely cooperative. One, she says, "found out that one of her students had mutilated an assigned magazine and was so concerned and upset that she paid for the magazine. Then she talked to her class about it."

In the past there was a different kind of book-bashing. "About 8-10 years ago," says Dudley, "when someone wanted to take a book out that couldn't be borrowed, they

would sneak out the whole book. Then they would just return it by dropping in the book drop." She says about half the books were not returned.

Now an alarm system prevents pilfering the whole book, so "they cut out the sections and hide them and take them out."

Reference books most damaged concern literary criticism, she says. One such frustration was particularly memorable, says Dudley. "A girl used a book one day, came back to continue working on her project the next day and the section had been torn out."

No one section of the county appears to be most guilty, she says. "It's county wide and even non-county users are guilty."

Dudley says, "the more we spend on computers, the worse it seems to get. And more and more reference materials are going on computers. We'll have to charge more for copying eventually because it will demand more paper and the price for that has gone up."

"In a way, this problem is worsening because more and more information is available and a fewer people are willing to use that information the way we intended."

Dudley has checked into state law. It states "concealment of book of other property while on premises of library; removal of book or other property from the library . . . is . . . larceny."

State law also says punishment for conviction of a Class I misdemeanor is "confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not more than \$1,000, either or both."

Dudley makes one thing perfectly clear about patrons who mutilate books. "If we catch them, we do intend to prosecute," she says.

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Public Library

The York County Public Library benefited from the contributions of 29 volunteers in 1994, including members of the Friends of the Library organization who sponsor the semi-annual Book Sale. Hours of service totalled 1,690, with volunteers performing a variety of duties: checking in and shelving books; installing, repairing, and operating computers and software; repairing books; supervising the children's area in the evenings; processing new books; labelling shelves; and providing general clerical and administrative assistance.

In-kind donations, including memorials, equipment, program support materials, and a volunteer luncheon, exceeded \$2,308.

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Library trustees seek volunteers

The York County Library Board of Trustees is seeking volunteers for a Citizens Advisory Committee for Library Services.

The group will help with long-range building and planning.

The trustees seek a broad spectrum of volunteers to assist them in identifying present and future library needs. Applications are at the library.

For information call 890-3377.

Battle of Books' regional champs named



York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

By Sherry Inabinet
York County Library
Special to the Crier

The York County Public Library completed its fourth year of participation in the Battle of the Books competition recently. In the grades four and five division, five schools -- Bethel Manor, Holloman Child Development and Education Center, Mt. Vernon, Tabb and Yorktown competed.

All students in those schools who desired to compete read 20 designated books and competed in teams of four to determine a school championship team. These teams competed in the York County Championship, which was won by Holloman. Yorktown Elementary placed second.

Holloman then advanced to the Regional Preliminary Competition at the Williamsburg Regional Library, with teams representing the Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Williamsburg libraries. Holloman won the right to compete in the Regional Final competition, which they lost by two points to the Hampton team. The Holloman team was coached by Jan Holloman.

Tabb and Yorktown Middle Schools competed in the York County Grades Six to Eight Competition. Tabb won this competition and went on to win third place in the Regional Final Competition at the Williamsburg Regional Library.

The team was coached by parent volunteers Karen Marchlewski and Lauri Leeper. Sherry Inabinet coordinates the program for the York County Public Library.

The library is already beginning preparations for the 1996 Battle. Many of the books are available, and the others should be arriving soon.

Parent volunteers are welcome to help students prepare for participation in this event. For more information about the program, contact Sherry Inabinet at the library.



Tabb Middle School team members and coaches, standing from left above, are Karen Marchlewski Rachel Yetter, Diann Marchlewski, alternate Nathan Adney, and Lauri Leeper. Seated are Erin Marchlewski and Ashley Amaral. Not shown is alternate Doug Farley

Holloman's team and coach at left, front row, from left includes Amanda Norris, Brandi Davenport and alternate Elizibith Holloman. Back row, from left, are alternate Ryan Holloman, Justin Holloman, Jamie Leftwich and coach Jan Holloman

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ANSWER DESK



Karen Morgan/Pernell Watson

You won't need 411 with this new CD-ROM

Q I have a question regarding some CD-ROM software. I have enclosed a page from a catalog showing PhoneDisc, which lists 90 million phone numbers in the United States. I am interested in reviewing the information on that disk that might aid in some genealogic research I am doing on family members. Is there a public library or other public facility that owns this disk and makes it available to the public, either free or for a small fee? — A.R., Williamsburg

A The PhoneDisc CD-ROMs contain 9.5 million business and 81 million residential listings. This, according to the advertisement for the disks, is vir-



tually every white page directory in the country. If you have a modem, it'll even dial the number for you once you've found it. They even show you lists of neighbors for any given residence or business. What a handy little tool.

The York County Public Library — that small but modern facility on George Washington Memorial Highway in Grafton — is the only public library in the entire region to have PhoneDisc installed. Amazing but true. The Virginia Beach Public Library recently bought it and is installing it now. Chesapeake Central Library and the College of William and Mary's Swem Library both have ProPhone, a similar product.

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York Library offers summer programs

The York County Public Library has summer programs for young readers and, this year, for teenage volunteer workers as well.

There will be two summer reading clubs at the library, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway, from Tuesday, June 20, to Thursday, Aug. 10, for children ages four through grade six.

"Amazing Library Kids" is for students entering kindergarten and first grade. Registration must be done in person before the morning of each program.

"Readers of the Round Table" is for students entering grades two through six. Participants must register in person and may sign up at least one hour before the scheduled event.

All children participating must read books from the York County Public Library or, for children in the "Amazing Library Kids" program, have books from the library read to them. Each child needs to bring a reading log each week after the first week they attend.

Programs last approximately one hour, except for July 11 which will last two hours. The programs will include a magician, a storyteller, a ventriloquist, Family Fun Night, the York String Quartet and more. Children are requested to bring a 25 cent donation to each program to help defray the cost of these purchased programs.

In addition to these programs, 4-year-olds can attend a library story hour on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. from June 22 to Aug. 10. Programs last 45 minutes. If the family wishes, the children may keep reading logs.

There is also an evening program for students entering grades K through 6 who cannot attend the daytime programs. All programs begin at 7 p.m. and last about one hour. Enrollment is limited to 50 students. All students must bring a reading log each week after the first week they attend.

For more information about any of these programs, call the York County Public Library at 890-3377.

Fun Fair
July 1995





Family night out!

York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

The York County Public Library held a 'Family Fun' night on the lawn behind the library building recently. Games, a trivia contest and a guest storyteller highlighted the evening. Scott Stallings, top photo, and his mother, Margie Stallings, work at answering trivia questions. Above, left, Lillian Buse and Kristen Erickson hope to win a nice prize from the Duck Pond game, while Robbie McCoy, above right, reaches for the perfect lollipop.



York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

Pirate invasion

Storyteller Sheila Williams brought the story "One Eyed Jake" alive at the York County Public Library recently. Top photo, from left, Michael Arnsberg, Lauren Leopold, Anoop Shah and Scott Stallings take lead roles in the skit. Above, Matthew Tietze and Beant Gill man the fishing boat. At left, Williams directs the play's action.

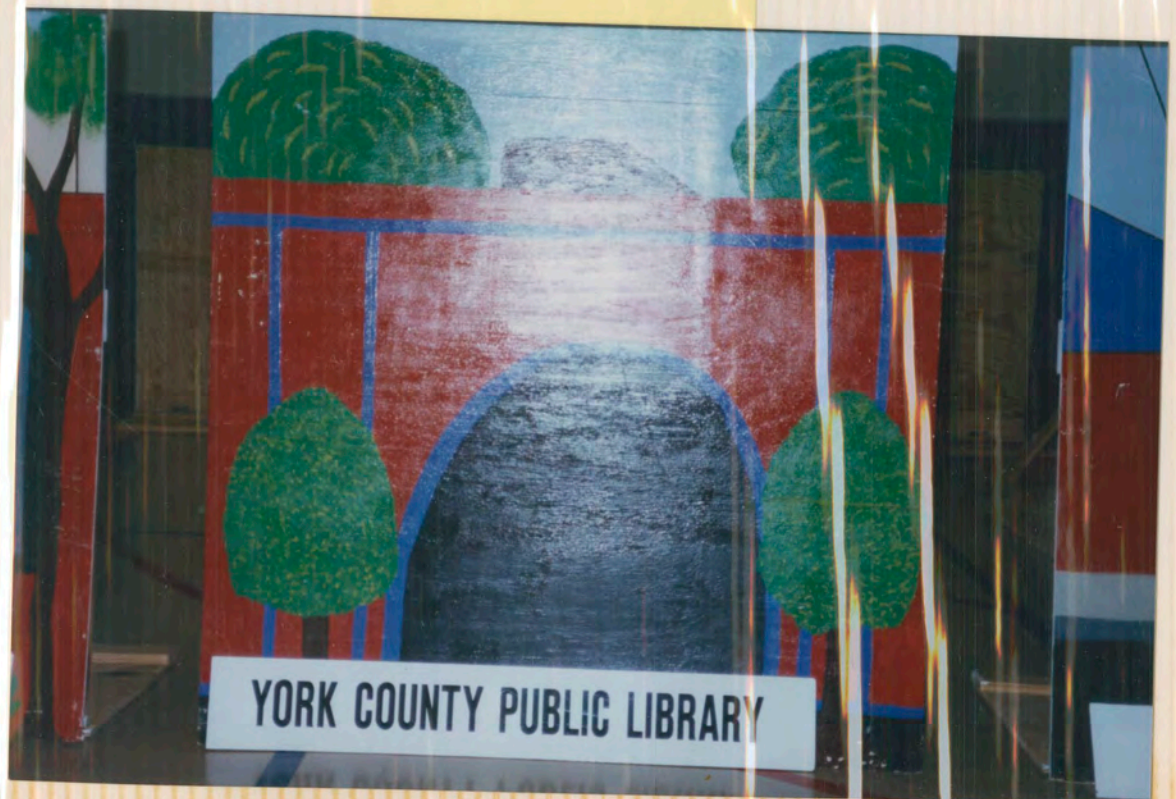
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"Snakes Alive"
Aug. 1995





Library Poster at
Safety Town
Aug. 1995



Library to close Aug. 28 and 29

The York County Public Library will be closed for the installation of a new software upgrade to the automated reference system on Monday, Aug. 28, and Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Only limited services will be available during the rest of the week -- Wednesday, Aug. 30, through Saturday, Sept. 2.

For more information, call the library at 890-3377.

CRIER 8/16/95

The Yorktown Pub is all dressed up for a visit from Felix..

York Town Crier photos by Beth Meisner

Felix: Much ado is vital

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

In the wake of the no-show named Felix, it seems proper to focus some concentration on a week of preparations for something that never materialized, although until through Sunday slim fears remained that the serious weather would shift in this direction.

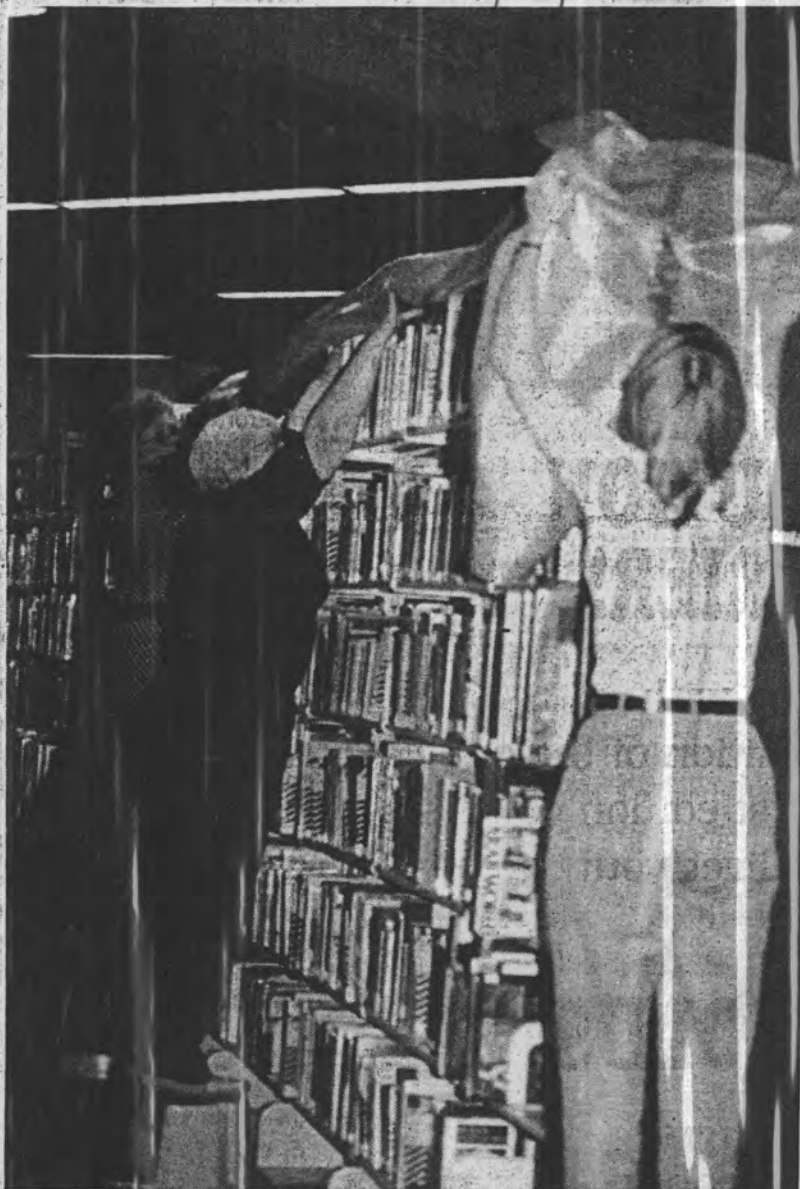
Warnings about a hurricane's ferocity were universal. And as the storm reached maturity, it seemed to head straight for the Tidewater section of Virginia.

So York County's focus zeroed in on Hurricane Felix, not "Felix the Cat," a popular comic strip from years ago.

As the low pressure area stalled, we waited ... and waited ... and waited, just as people often do when a cat (like Felix) strays far out on a limb high in a tree.

Ahead of the hurricane unfolded hundreds of hours of preparations in

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York County Public Library staff pull tarps over the shelves to protect books from damage.

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Fall story hour program begins

The York County Public Library will begin sign-up for the fall Story Hour program on Monday, Sept. 18. Sign-up may be by calling Sherry Inabinet at 890-3377 or by stopping by the library between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program will begin in October and will continue through mid December.

Story hour sessions are divided into three age groups. The oldest group, 4 and 5-year olds, come to their sessions alone while a parent or caregiver remains in the library. The middle group, 3-year-olds, may come to the sessions alone or with a parent or caregiver. Siblings may not attend.

The youngest group, 2-year-olds, must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The various Story Hour programs will be age-appropriate and will consist of a variety of activities such as book sharing, storytelling, fingerplays, music, crafts, cooking, parties and more. There is no charge for the program, but parents are expected to reinforce the library experience by checking out library books and reading to their children.

Book sale slated

The York County Public Library, Route 17, Yorktown, will hold a book sale on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 and 29. Hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., while on Sunday, the sale will take place from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Cooper plans offering bill to help fund Tabb library

Del. Shirley Cooper (D) announced last week that she will offer several bills during the 1996 General Assembly session that "will cover several areas of concern" in her 96th District.

One is a budget amendment designed to expedite construction of a new Tabb library in York County.

Calling Tabb "the fastest growing area" of the county, she said "an area library there is long overdue. It would be 16,000 square feet in the Harwood Mills area.

The county Capital Improvements Plan calls for construction to start in 1998, but the grant allows for earlier construction. The funding "would be used for land acquisition and planning.

Other items her bills will deal with concern education and the proposed Coleman Bridge tolls.

A special section bill will ask the assembly to exempt Gloucester schools from compulsory school attendance during the period of the Coleman Bridge shutdown in May, 1996.



Shirley Cooper

In Brief

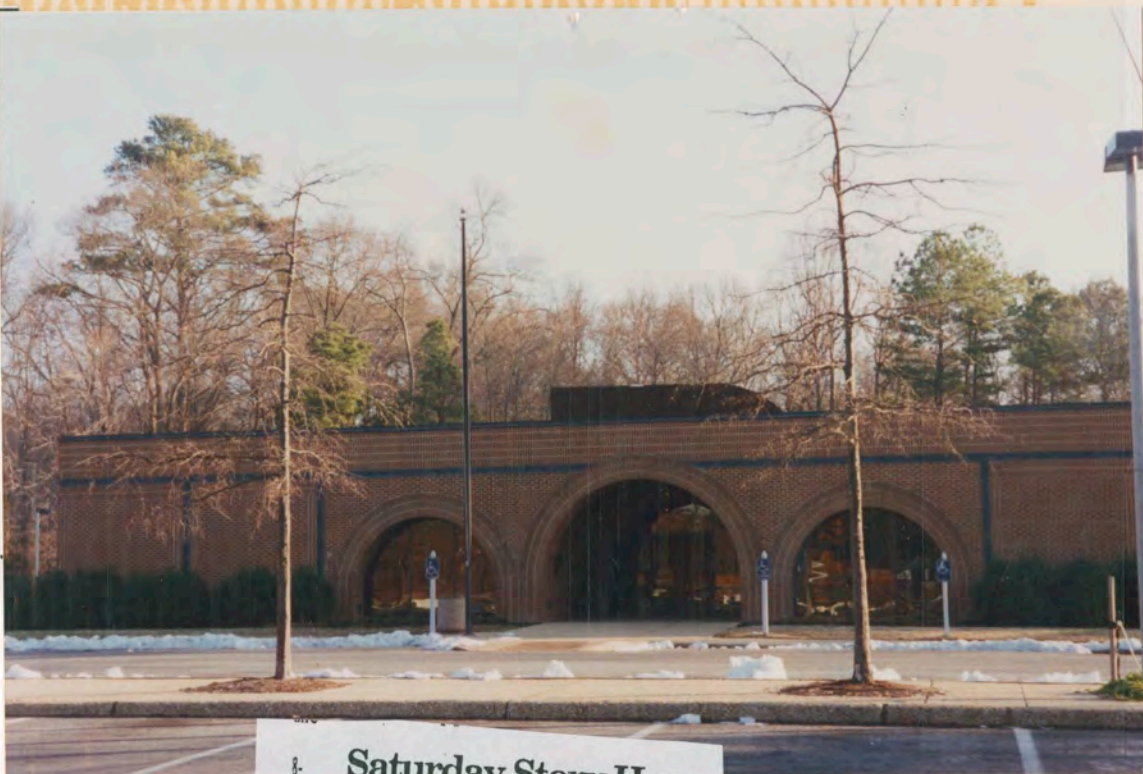
Bookmobile service ends temporarily

The York County Bookmobile will discontinue services until further notice. Books that were checked out from the bookmobile may be returned to the York County Public Library, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway, or to the Children's Services Satellite Office, 1936 Old Williamsburg Road, Lackey.

December is Bookmobile Amnesty Month for the York County Bookmobile. Overdue books may be returned to the locations listed and no fines will be charged.

The Department of Children's Services is looking for volunteer bus drivers so that a pool of drivers will be available when the service begins again.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Children's Services at 890-3888 Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Saturday Story Hour offered at library

Children ages 5 to 10 can spend a Saturday afternoon during January and February hearing a story, making crafts and meeting storybook characters at Saturday Story Hour.

The events are scheduled for Jan. 6, 20 and 27 as well as Feb. 3, 10 and 17 at the York County Public Library. Each Saturday a different theme and story will be highlighted. Story hour activities will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Saturday Story Hour is sponsored by Beta Omicron of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Society of Women Educators. Reservations can be made by calling the library at 890-3377.

YORK TOWN CENTER 1/3/96



York feels a little cramped at library

By Leroy Williams Jr.
Daily Press

YORK

Dana Seabolt, a student at Thomas Nelson Community College, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with other visitors to the York County Public Library this week as she peered at a computer screen to research a paper on attention deficit disorder.

When the Grafton resident was asked whether she thought the library was crowded this late afternoon, she nodded, never taking her eyes off the screen. An inquiry on how often Seabolt visited the facility drew this response: "Only to do a report."

A few minutes earlier, Janice Ward, the library's director of circulation, showed visitors what was supposed to be the room that housed the computer's mainframe. Along with it were boxes of donated books.

Ward then opened another door — to the furnace room, where boxes of books and tax forms were stacked. The use of the furnace room for storage space had drawn a warning from fire officials, she said.

"It's got to the point where we've got to move them or else," Ward said.

Such cramped conditions have been nothing new in recent years at the library, built in 1984 on donated land on Route 17 in Grafton.

The space problem is one reason York officials are planning a new, larger library for the Tabb area a few miles south.

A new building not only would provide the library with more room, but it would also place facilities more conveniently in the Tabb area, where the majority of the county's 52,000-plus population lives and where most of its future growth is projected.

County officials have been seeking a site and have said they are negotiating with a couple of landowners. They won't disclose which sites they're studying.

"I think we are going to decide on a site within 45 days," said York Supervisor Jere Mills, in whose District 5 the new library would be built. He also said the county would move to buy the site a couple of weeks thereafter.

The county supervisors last year set aside \$350,000 to buy land for the new library. Contained in the county's proposed six-year capital improvement plan is \$3 million in 1997-98 for the new building. If the library is funded that year, it could be completed sometime in late 1998, said county spokesman John Carl.

The idea is that the new library would become the system's headquarters, and the current Route 17 facility a branch.

"There are a number of users who don't use the library because it is so inconvenient," said Supervisor Sheila Noll, who also is vice-chair of the county library board. "They deserve more than they are getting."

Officials said many county residents use other libraries. Northern York residents use the Williamsburg-James City system, while those in southern York tend to use libraries in Hampton or Newport News.

Proponents of a new library buttress their arguments for a new facility by noting that the current 12,000-square-foot library doesn't meet recommended minimum standards for space and holdings set by the Library Board of the Library of Virginia.

Library Director Beverly Dudley said a library system should carry at least two volumes per person in its target population. The current library carries 68,000 volumes, or 1.62 volumes per person.

A system should also provide 0.6 square feet of library space per person; York has 0.028. Finally, Dudley said, a system should provide three seats per 1,000 people; York provides two.

Based on the space standard, a new library would need to measure 37,000 square feet to serve the projected 62,000 people projected to be living in southern York by 2015, Noll said.

But not everyone is so receptive to a new library.

Supervisor Walter Zaremba questioned whether the county should spend money to construct a new facility, given York's other capital needs. He suggested that the county look into expanding library facilities within a school, perhaps Tabb High School.

"Not only could we improve those (school) facilities, but we would also get a fallout benefit of a closer association by citizens with our school system," Zaremba said.

Noll and Mills said Zaremba's idea was impractical, citing security concerns, the insufficient parking at Tabb and the differing missions of school libraries and public libraries.

Still, Zaremba's idea is not particularly radical.

One public library has been housed within two different schools in Hampton. The Northampton branch was located within Bethel High School when it was built in the late 1960s and was a separate entity with its own entrance, said Northampton branch Manager Virginia Cotter.

Public library-school combinations "seemed to be a trend in the late 1960s and early 1970s," Cotter said.

The branch was forced to move in 1985 to Forest Elementary School when the freshman class was added to Bethel and needed the space, Cotter said. The branch remained at Forest until 1990, when it moved to a shopping center on Big Bethel Road.

Generally, the arrangement worked well. "The identity problem (for the library) was kind of the main drawback, especially for newcomers to the area," Cotter said.

Library next big board issue?

York town Crier Mar. 27

By Bob Moskowitz
Town Crier staff

With the weight of an impending budget sitting squarely on its collective shoulders, the Board of Supervisors can be excused for trying not to look ahead.

Nevertheless, last week it received a pretty sound warning that one of its top problems the rest of the year will concern existing and proposed library facilities.

Aaron Cohen, a New York-based library consultant, said the York County Public Library "is understaffed, undersized and doing a super

job even though it is really under funded. It is one of the friendliest libraries I have ever been in."

A consensus of the board agreed to ponder the subject in detail at a May work session.

In his report to the board on March 20, Cohen cited three options facing supervisors when they ponder how to fund library needs.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the presentation was the lack of a mention of Tabb, where citizens anticipate a new branch library. Apparently because the county is experiencing difficulty in purchasing a site there, Cohen verbally danced

around the subject.

The three options he concluded are available to replace a facility that he said is 100,000 volumes shy are:

- A new central library built in phases, apparently in the lower end of the county
- Retain the current central library as a branch and build a larger central library
- Keep the central library and build a branch library, probably in or near Tabb, although he didn't say that.

His scope was limited, he said,

when "I was told that the county only has \$3 million" for the project. That, he said, would limit a building to 20,000 square feet at a construction cost of \$90 a square foot.

Putting that in perspective, he pointed out that the recently completed Newport News library on Main Street holds 28,000 square feet, costs \$4.4 million and figures out to \$157 a square foot.

Cohen focused on future needs. One would be to have much wider aisles than those in the current library. Also your shelving standards

are less than the required ones." "You have a highly educated population in the county.... In 20 years, you'll need 185,000 (more) volumes. We planned for 10 years."

He also touched on the possibility of building the shell of a larger building and then completing it later.

"I can't solve the economics or the politics," he said. "As it is, you are essentially robbing from the youth and from those who need employment and from seniors."

"There's no real answer. You have to make a judgment call," he told the board.

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Mar. 28, 1996

CITY NOTES

Register by Monday for library's contest

YORK

"The Book That Changed My Life" is the topic of an essay contest now under way at York County Public Library. Participants should tell how a book changed their lives. Submissions are limited to 500- to 600-word essays that are typed and double-spaced. The deadline is Monday.

Submissions will be judged by a panel of local celebrities and speakers who will read the top entries aloud at a program at 8 p.m. on April 19 at the York County Public Library. Presenters will share their life-changing book experiences. Prizes will be awarded for winning essays at a reception following the program. Call 890-3377 for information.

COUNTY CLASSES. Beginning April 15, the Division of Recreational Services will offer a variety of instructional classes to include: step, low impact and bodysculpting aerobics, tae kwon do, creative movement for 3- and 4-year-olds, ballet, cartooning, quilting and children's drama. Line dancing for children ages 7-14 will be the new addition to the list of classes offered.

Brochures about classes are available at York County schools, the library or Recreational Services, 301 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown. Registration will end on April 5. Classes begin April 15.

Call 890-3500 for information.

POSTER CONTEST. "My Favorite Storybook Character," is the theme of a children's poster contest now under way at York County Public Library. Prizes will be awarded at a reception following the "Book That Changed My Life" program at 8 p.m. on April 19 at the York County Public Library.

Winners will have their artwork displayed in the library. Call the library at 890-3377 for information.

Library offers essay, poster contests

The York County Public Library will celebrate National Library Week, April 14 to 20, with special events. In keeping with this year's theme of "Libraries Change Lives," the library is sponsoring an essay contest and a poster contest.

Participants are invited to tell how a book, or only a few words, have made changes in their lives. Submissions are limited to 500 to 600 words on double-spaced, typed pages.

The deadline for entries is Monday, April 1. All submissions will be judged by a panel of local celebrities and speakers who will read the top entries aloud at a program to be held at the library on Friday, April 19, at 8 p.m.

These presenters will also share

their experiences with "The Book That Changed My Life." Among the celebrities planning presentations are Del. Shirley Cooper, radio personality Henry "The Bull" Del Toro, columnist Tony Gabriele, and York County Supervisor Jim Funk.

Prizes will be awarded to winning essays at a reception following the program.

In addition, the library is sponsoring a poster contest for kids of all ages. The theme is "My Favorite Storybook Character," and the deadline is also Monday, April 1.

Prizes will be awarded at the reception on April 19, and winners will have their artwork displayed in the library.

For more information, call the library at 890-3377.

York Town Crier Mar. 27, 1996

Budget tops busy slate

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Three months of wrangling and studying, questioning and concluding behind them, the Board of Supervisors finalizes a major quest tonight.

The April 3 meeting in the District Courts Building includes introductions of appointments, four public hearings, a four-item consent calendar and one item of new business before the climax.

That's when York County Administrator Danny Stuck presents the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget, 1996 Tax Rate and asks to appropriate the Fiscal Year 1997 operating budget in three separate resolutions.

Final discussions and possible changes are set to be discussed by the supervisors and Stuck at a 5 p.m. work session.

The public hearings are on:

- A request for an area on Mansion Road to rezone in order to match the service area of a sewer

For details on the Board of Supervisors' three work sessions on the budget last week, please turn to page 3.

line and to leave those who don't want sewers in a low-density category

- Approve a lease agreement with PCS Primeco to replace an existing 100-foot communications tower with a 150-foot tower at the Tabb Fire Station

- Change the county code on sewage disposal pertaining to connection requirements

- Amend the Zoning Ordinance concerning storage of used tires.

There also will be a presentation from the York County Library's Janice Ward in relation to National Library Week.

York Town Crier April 3, 1996



Spectrum

By Beth Meisner

Board vote was big slap in face for employees

Last week, the York County Board of Supervisors acted just like John Q. Corporation when it chose to help balance the local budget on the backs of the workers. The 3-2 vote to reduce County Administrator Danny Stuck's proposed 3 percent market adjustment in compensation for county employees to 1 percent a year for three years was a double slap in the face.

The first, and most important slap, was in the face of county employees themselves. Year after year, the workload increases and the staff load remains the same. Remember; these are the guys who must do their jobs or they get fired. If staff shortages mean they have more and more work to do, they have to do that extra work or be fired.

Period.

Failure to support the modest 3 percent increase for these people sends them notice: Either we don't think you're doing your jobs properly, or we don't think you're worth any increase. The latter message has been sent to county employees with alarming regularity over the last five years. In that time, county employees have received one 1.8 percent adjustment to their salaries.

Have you seen these people work? Using just one example, the library, the numbers are astonishing. For some employees the workload has more than doubled in the last five years. Still, Stuck hasn't recommended any additional employees and the supervisors have been willing to let it slide.

The second slap this Board of Supervisors delivered was to Stuck himself. The taxpayers fund the County Administrator's position and we expect to have his expertise working on our side at all times, including budget work. Stuck and the staff have studied the salary issue and, along with the fact that staff hasn't received any increases in recent years, he made the 3 percent recommendation.

While the supervisors should never simply rubber stamp Stuck's proposals, they should certainly consider them and should have compelling reasons to override them. After all, we pay Stuck to make just those recommendations.

Three supervisors voted to reduce the increase to 1 percent a year for three years. Al Meadows, Jere Mills and Walt Zaremba have voted their consciences — and those consciences say county employees do not deserve a 3 percent pay hike.

But consider this. If the Board didn't meet for a month, the staff would continue delivering county services — building permits would be issued, bills would be paid, senior services would be provided, solid waste would be collected, plans would be reviewed and questions would be answered.

If the staff didn't work for a month, this county would shut down. And because the board didn't even adopt Stuck's compromise proposal of a 2 percent increase, staffers will now be tasked with providing the labor to restructure the reclassification plan which reduces their compensation. In some instances, new people coming in will start at a slightly higher rate than those already on board.

In the FY97 budget, there's a provision for teachers to get a raise again this year. This is due in large part to the organized, vocal lobby of parents who year after year urge the supervisors to fully fund the superintendent's budget, which includes pay increases for teachers.

County staffers don't have that kind of lobbying ability. Well, this voice urges the supervisors to find another way to keep your campaign promises of low taxes. I think you should reverse your votes and award these hardworking employees that meager 3 percent increase. Do it because it will help the county stay competitive with other area governments. And do it because these people deserve it.

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National Library Week

April 14-20

York County Public Library



Pirates!

A special children's program will be held Monday evening (April 15) at 7 P.M. on pirates and featuring pirate Anne Bonney. The program is for children in grades K-5 and no preregistration is required. Sheila Williams, storyteller and historical interpreter will present the program, which is co-sponsored by the Newport News Reading Council.

"Log-on @ the Library Day" is Tuesday, April 16th. Beginning at 10 A.M. and continuing through 8 P.M., volunteers will give internet demonstrations hourly on the hour. After each demonstration, those attending will be invited to "surf the net" for a few minutes themselves. Free internet access for the public has been provided to Hampton Roads libraries by WHRO and will continue after National Library Week.



The final event of the week is a speakers' conference on the theme "**The Book that Changed My Life,**" at 8 P.M. on Friday, April 19th. Each speaker will introduce the book that was important in his or her life and then read a short passage from it. Speakers will include Delegate Shirley Cooper, Supervisor Jim Funk, DeeJay Henry DelToro and Columnist Tony Gabriele.

The speakers will also serve as a judging panel to select the winning essays from the contest that ended on April 1st. The contest also had the theme, The Book That Changed My Life. The winning essays will be read by the speakers. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Poster Contest entries in "My Favorite Storybook Character" will be posted about the library during the month of April. Winners will be announced the evening of April 19th.





AHOY MATEYS

An evening of
PIRATE SAGAS

will be held

April 13, 7:00 PM

York County Library

Open to students K-5

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4/14/96

York library plans readings, programs

YORK
Cyber-surfing demonstrations, a children's program and guest speakers are planned for York County's observance of National Library Week next week.

The events will be at the York County Library, 8500 George Washington Highway.

The observance kicks off at 7 p.m. Monday with a program on pirates for children in kindergarten through grade 5.

Tuesday is Log-on at the Library Day. Volunteers will provide lessons on how to gain access to the Internet on the hour from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. After each presentation, patrons may surf cyberspace by themselves.

Readings from "The Book That Changed My Life" will make up the week's final event at 8 p.m. Friday. Speakers will introduce the books that were most important in their lives and read short passages from them.

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY!!

The York County Public Library serves as a source of education, information, and cultural enrichment for the community. The aim of the library is to serve its patrons effectively and efficiently. Suggestions are welcome.

LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board of Trustees is appointed by the York county Board of Supervisors to oversee library services. Meetings are open to the public. Call the library for information about day and time.

LIBRARY CARDS

A Library card may be obtained by completing an application and presenting identification with a current address. The library card is free and must be presented to borrow any library materials. There is a \$2.00 replacement fee.

Since patrons are responsible for all materials borrowed and fines incurred on their library card, lost cards should be reported promptly.

New members may borrow two items on their first visit.

LOAN PERIODS and RENEWALS

Most books are checked out for three weeks and can be renewed once if they are not reserved for another person. Renewals may be made by telephone or in person.

New adult fiction, science project books, best sellers, seasonal books and some special collections are checked out for two weeks and are not renewable.

Audio cassettes are checked out for two weeks and can be renewed once if they are not reserved for another person.

Video cassettes and cameras are checked out for one week. cameras and instructional/non-fiction tapes may be renewed.

SPECIAL SERVICES

- ◆ Public typewriter
- ◆ Public personal computers (IBM compatible)
- ◆ Community meeting room
- ◆ Tax forms
- ◆ Free Notary service (10am-5pm weekdays)
- ◆ Voter registration

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the York County Public Library support library services by helping to provide the "extras" that the library can't afford. Funds from the Friends semi-annual book sale have provided VCR equipment and overhead projectors for the meeting room, children's programs, and the mural in the children's room. New members are always welcome! Applications are available at the circulation desk or write Friends of the York County Public Library, P.O. Box 1523, Yorktown, VA 23692.

York County Public Library

8500 George Washington Highway

Yorktown, Virginia 23692

890-3377 During library hours

890-3376 Information recording

890-3300 TDD

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon - Thurs	10am-9pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

YORK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

OWNER'S MANUAL

**Your Guide to
Library Services**

FINES

Overdue items accrue fines daily and fines are charged as follows:

Adult and Juvenile books, Audio Cassettes, and Cameras — 5¢ per day; \$3.00 maximum

"E" (picture or easy reader) books — 2¢ per day; \$3.00 maximum

Video Cassettes — \$1.00 per day; \$10.00 maximum

Interlibrary Loans — 50¢ per day; no maximum.

Replacement cost plus a \$3.00 processing fee will be charged on all materials lost or damaged beyond repair.

INFORMATION and REFERENCE SERVICE

Reference staff is always available to help patrons find answers to questions that range from the simple (how to spell a word) to complex (What is the average wind speed in San Diego, CA). The reference collection contains nearly 5,000 volumes including special collections in business and York County information. Computerized indexes are available of magazine and newspaper articles.

VIRGINIANA ROOM

The Virginiana Room (or Local History Room) contains both circulating and non-circulating reference material on Virginia and York County. In addition there is a special Chesapeake Bay Collection as well as a computerized genealogical workstation.

SUMMER READING

An eight-week summer reading program is held each year for ages preschool through 6th grade. A separate young adult program is also offered.

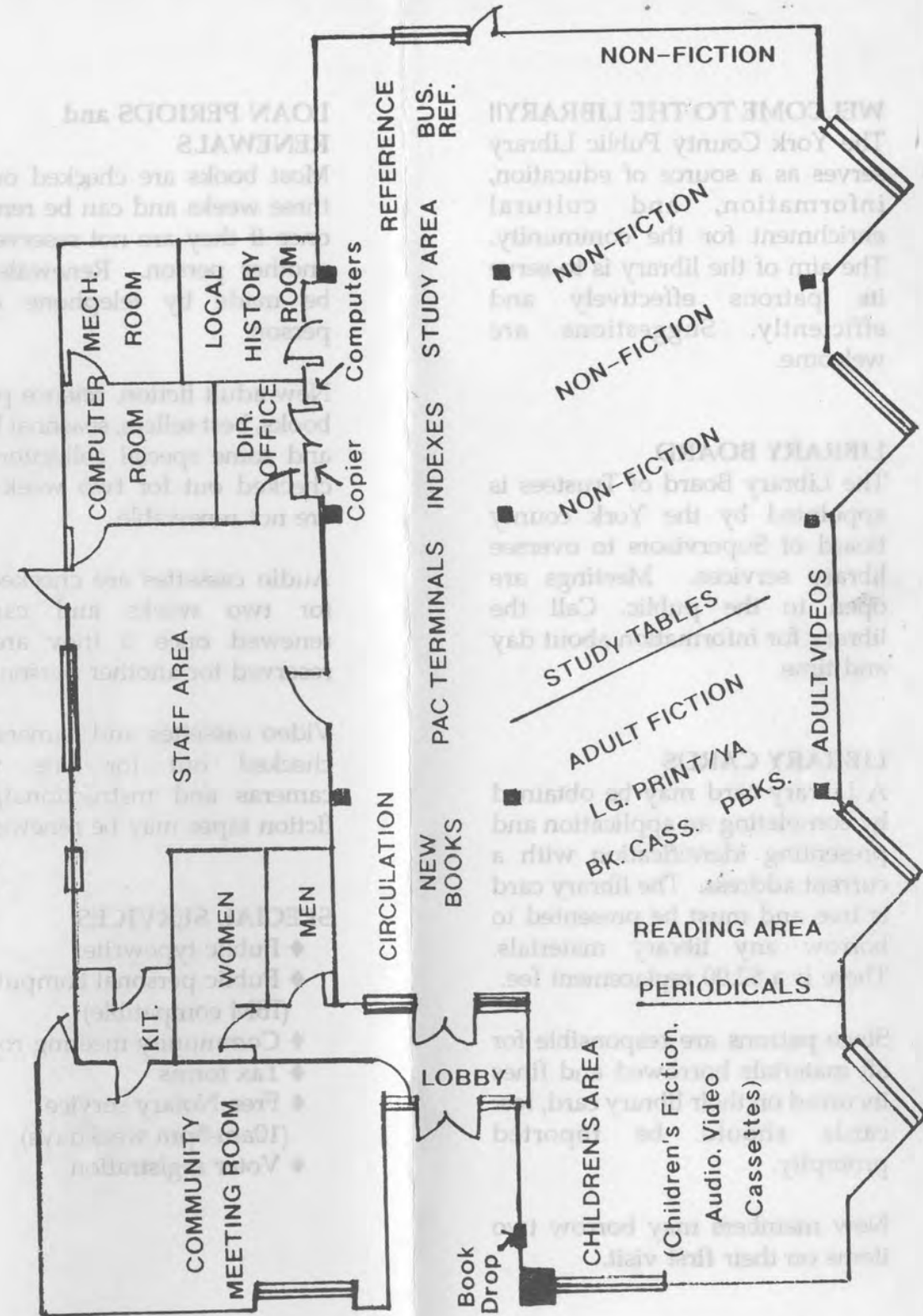
STORYHOURS

Fall, winter, and spring pre-school storyhours are offered for 2½ - 3½ year olds and 3½ - 6 year olds. Pre-registration is required.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers contribute many hours each year to the library. You may apply to be a volunteer at the circulation desk.

FLOOR PLAN



Group of speakers featured at library

National Library Week is being observed this week, April 14 to 20, and the York County Public Library has celebrated with a number of programs and events.

On Friday, April 19, at 8 p.m., a speakers' conference will be featured as the final event of the week. The theme of the conference is "The Book That Changed My Life."

Each speaker will introduce the book that was important in his life and then read a short passage from it. Speakers will include Del. Shirley Cooper, Supervisor Jim Funk, DeeJay Henry DelToro and Columnist Tony Gabriele.

The speakers will also serve as a judging panel to select the winning essays from the contest which ended recently. The contest also had the theme, The Book That Changed My Life. The winning essays will be read by the speakers.

Also, Poster Contest entries in "My Favorite Storybook Character" are currently posted in the library. Winners of that contest will also be announced during the evening.

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Speaker's Conference Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Gayle Liakos

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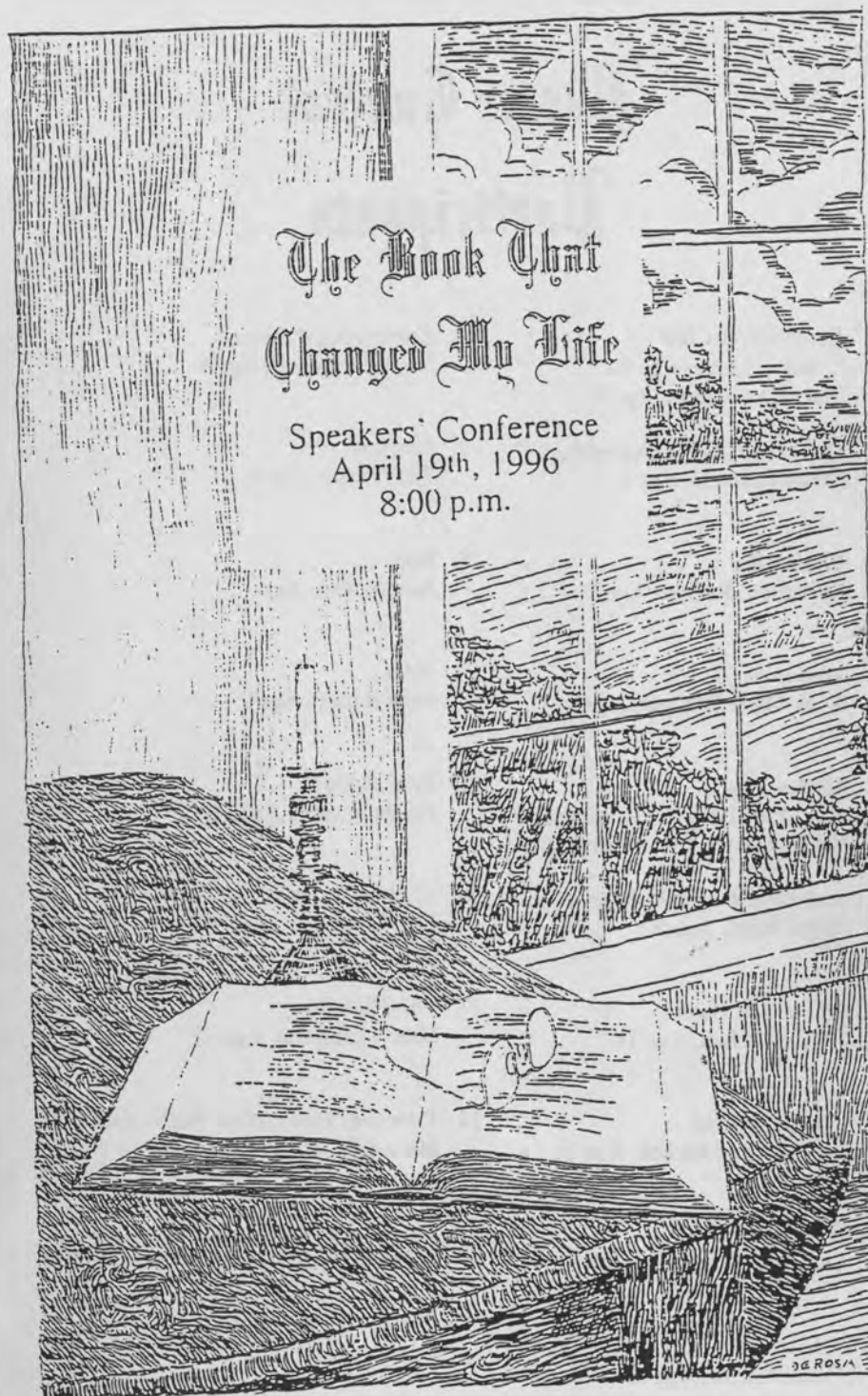
Poster Contest Judges

John Payne
James T. Davis
Lynn Shematek



The Book That Changed My Life

Speakers' Conference
April 19th, 1996
8:00 p.m.



Poster Contest

Participants

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. <i>Baby-Sitters Club</i>
Lyndsey Marie, Age 10
Mary Kay Pereira, Age 8 | 11. <i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>
Jonathan Presler, Age 9 |
| 2. <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>
Nikita Dodbele, Age 3 | 12. <i>Garfield</i>
Ted Imbery, Age 9 |
| 3. <i>Cinderella</i>
Samantha Dodbele, Age 5 | 13. <i>Max</i>
Jack Imbery, Age 4 |
| 4. <i>Minnie Mouse</i>
Anna Marie Denham, Age 8 | 14. <i>Nala</i>
Nora Barron, Age 9 |
| 5. <i>Mother Goose</i>
Mrs. Lawson's PM Kindergarten
Grafton Bethel Elementary School | 15. <i>King Arthur</i>
Ho Su Hwang, Age 10 |
| 6. <i>Sadako & the 1000 Paper Cranes</i>
Fiona Jones, Age 9 | 16. <i>King of the Wind</i>
Erin Thompson, Age 10 |
| 7. <i>Winnie the Pooh</i>
Jacob Mitchell, Age 11 | 17. <i>The High King</i>
Sean Thompson, Age 12 |
| 8. <i>Amelia Bedelia</i>
Leigh Anne Mitchell, Age 11 | 18. <i>Vampires Don't Wear Polka-dots</i>
Nicole C. Vitantonio |
| 9. <i>Wilber</i>
Courtney Michel, Age 17 | 19. <i>The Bailey School Kids</i>
James L. Antes |
| 10. <i>Peter Rabbit</i>
Ariana Harper, Age 12 | |

Speakers' Conference

The Book That Changed My Life

Opening Remarks

Beverly Dudley
Director, York County Public Library

Introduction

Gayle Liakos
Mistress of Ceremonies

Speaker

Mr. Tony Gabriele
Ms. Juanita Dillard
Professor Naum Panovski
Hon. Jim Funk
Professor Jerry Bledsoe
Mr. Henry Del Toro
Professor Douglas Gordon
Del. Shirley Cooper
Ms. Nancy Williams
Ms. Ealeen Syptak

Essay Finalist

Candice Turner
Teresa Pendleton
Julie Sweet
Mae Gray
Jennifer Naj
James David Fisher
T. E. Martin
Brian Schooley
Lee Pelham Cotton
Edward T. Verell

Speaker's Selection

James Thurber
Rabbi Kushner
Milan Kundera
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Somerset Maugham
Dennis Leary
Vicki Hearne
Henry David Thoreau
Shakespeare
Holy Bible

Closing Remarks

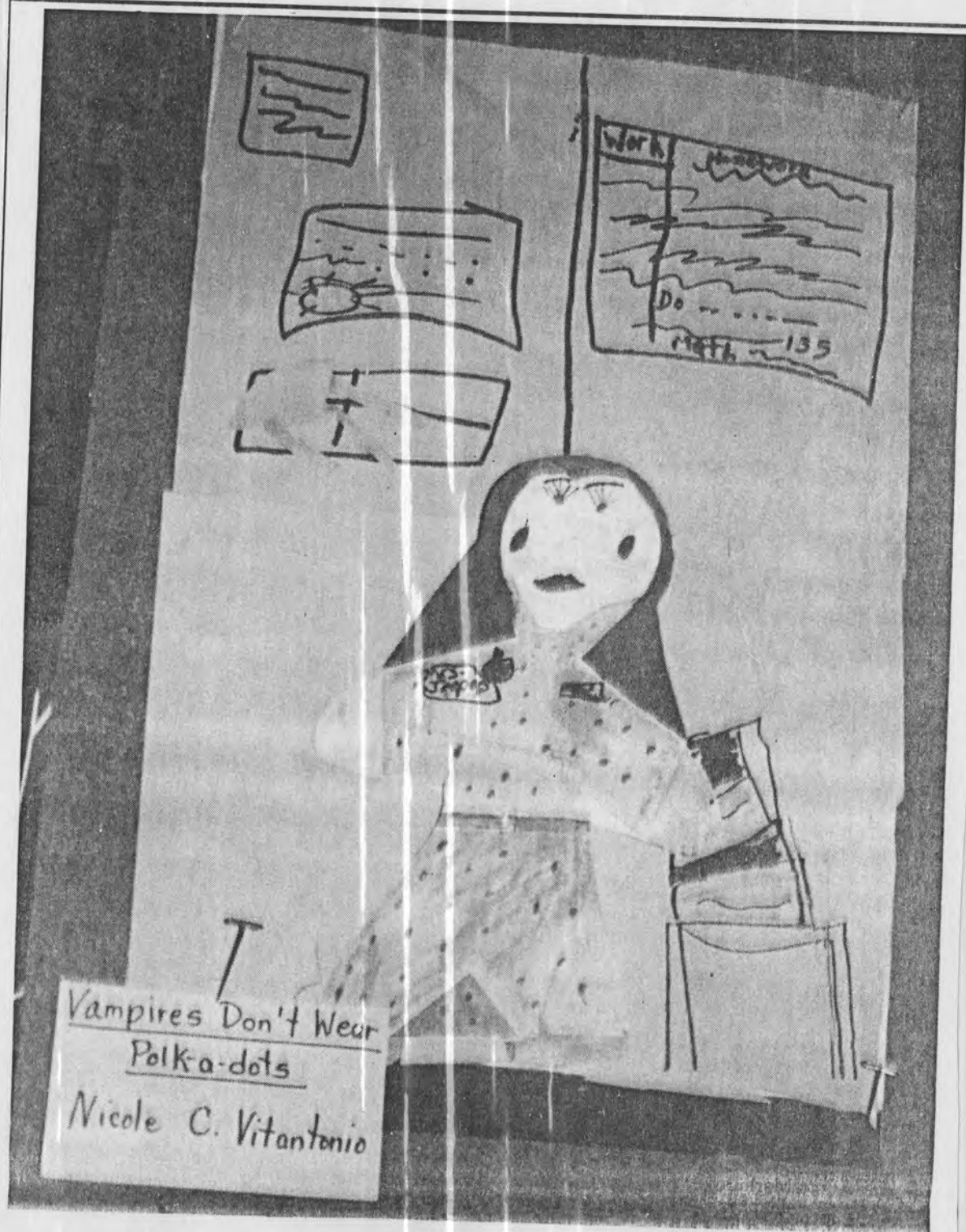
Beverly Dudley

Presentation of Awards

Gayle Liakos

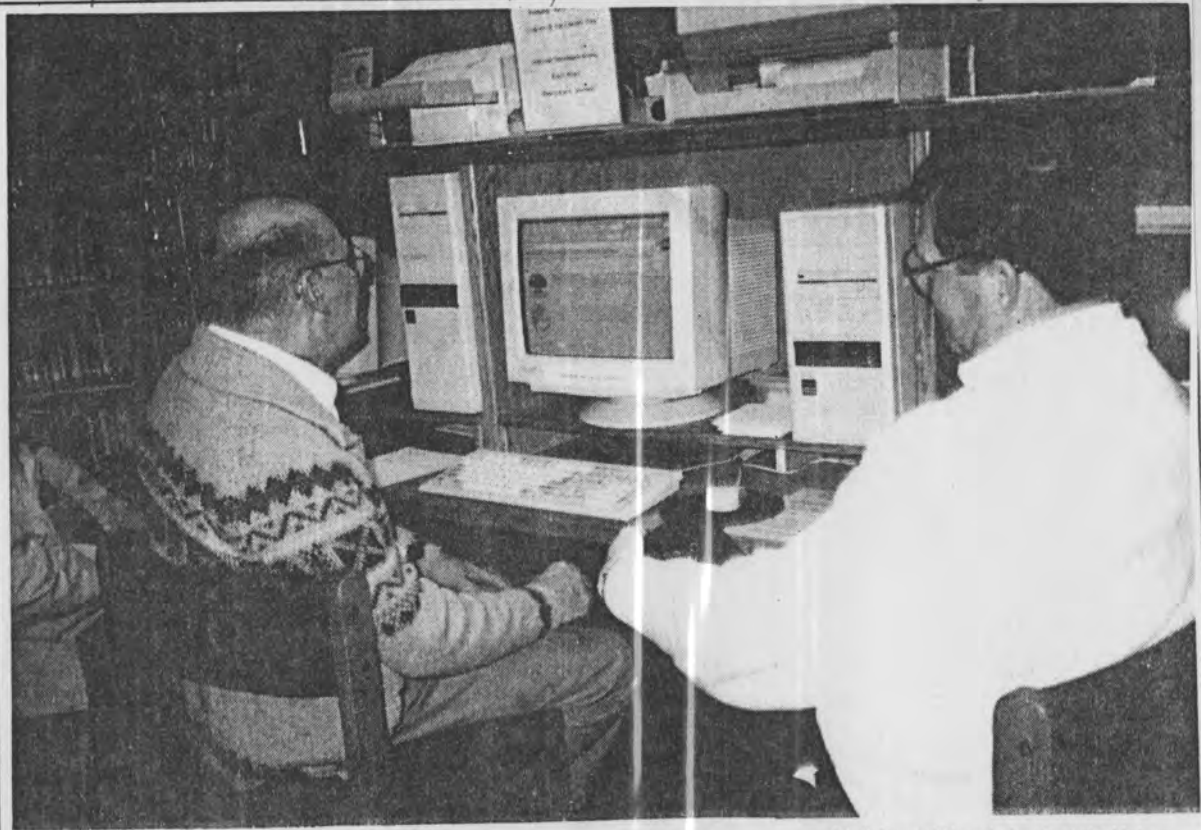
Reception to Follow

On the Art Scene York Town Crier
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York Town Crier photo by Lois Chesley

This entry depicting 'Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots' was part of the poster contest sponsored by the York County Library during National Library week. It was submitted by Nicole C. Vitantonio and can be seen at the library.



Jim Funk 'chats' with Poquoson's Mayor Cornell Burcher.

York Town Crier photos by Beth Meisner

Library sets up link up

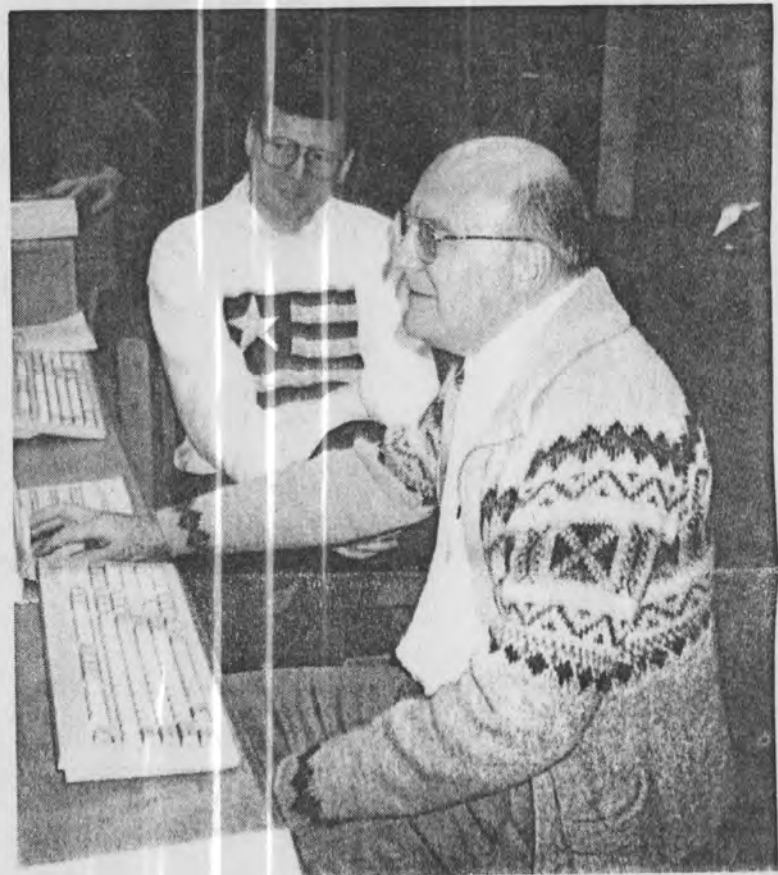
The world got a bit smaller on April 16 when public libraries throughout Hampton Roads "chatted" a bit and logged-on to the Internet, courtesy of WHRO, the Public Telecommunications Center for Hampton Roads.

In addition to access to the Internet, Hampton Roads citizens now have access to Community Link service, which provides users with access to city agencies, local museums and more.

Jim Funk, Chairman of the York County Board of Supervisors, was on hand for an area-wide log-on at 10 a.m. For the next several minutes, mayors, chairs and city and library officials from throughout Hampton Roads "chatted" with each other on line at their respective libraries.

Community Link, the first-of-its-kind service in Hampton Roads, was launched in August 1995. Originally it was available only in two Norfolk libraries. The regional log-on brought the service to all public libraries in the area.

The initiative is designed to de-



Dave Cannon, York's computer network manager, watches as Funk logs-on, linking the library with others in the region.

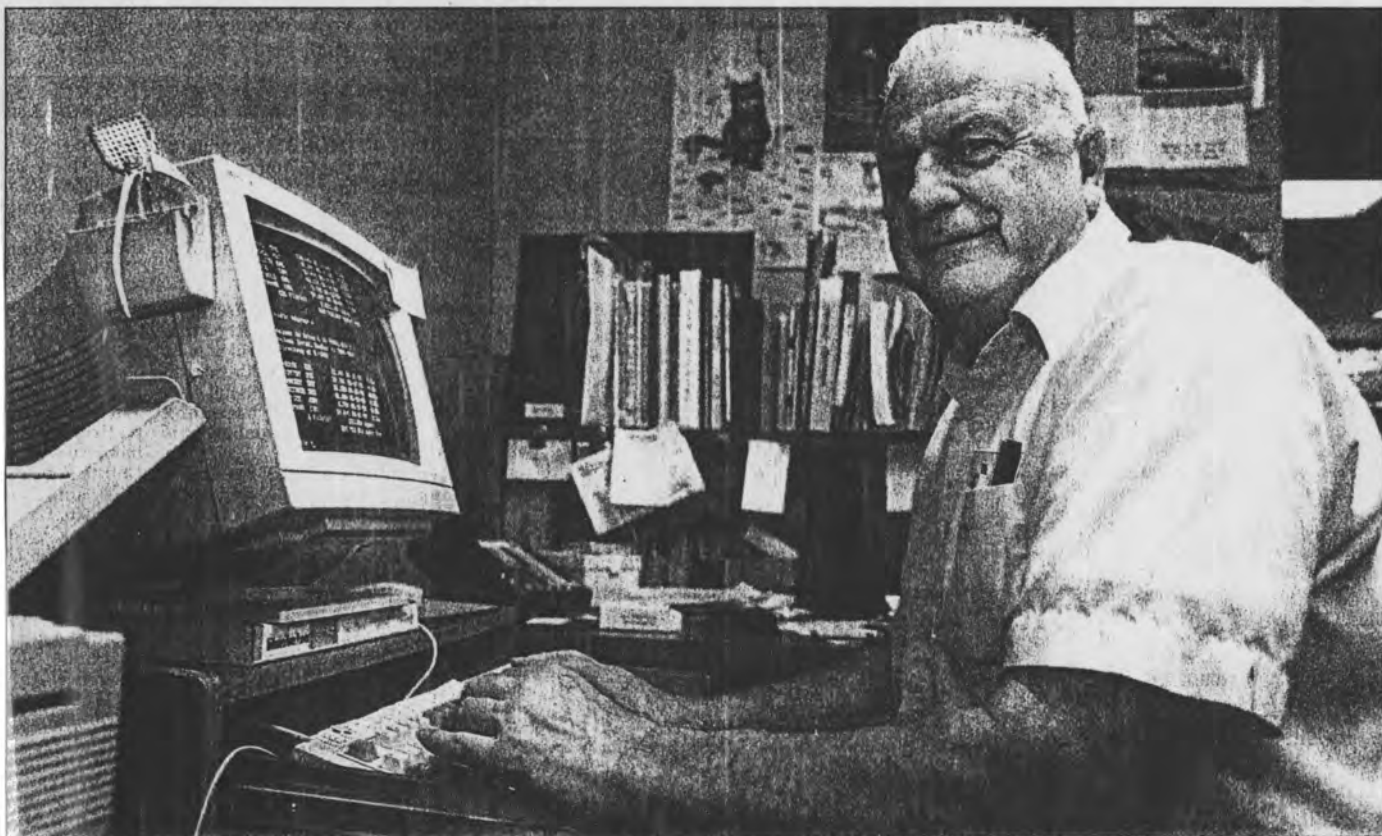
velop and encourage free public access to education and information online services using local public telecommunications organizations like WHRO as the nucleus. Community Link was made

possible by grants to WHRO from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Bell Atlantic.

Community Link can be found via WHOR's Home Page "<http://www.whro.org>".

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The computer whiz



York County Library volunteer Robert Desmarais, a retired NASA engineer, helps with the library's computer hardware and software. He has volunteered at the library since his retirement in 1986. Joe Fudge/Daily Press

Retired NASA engineer lends expertise to York library

By Nigel D. Hatton
Daily Press

YORK COUNTY
If you're having technical problems, find yourself a retired NASA engineer.

It worked for the York County Public Library. The library needed someone to help them join the computer age in the early '80s.

The library found Robert Desmarais, 66, a 37-year NASA veteran.

He remedies all computer problems at York County's book palace. He does it as a volunteer every Monday and Wednesday. He started in 1986.

Director Beverly Dudley doesn't know what she'd do without him. The library has more than 20 computers, and librarians only know so much when it comes to installing programs or troubleshooting.

When in doubt, they turn to Desmarais.

"He gives us really great advice on technology," she says. "We've had librarians come in here and

say they're going to kidnap him and take him to their area."

He won't go. He likes this library. He checks out books here. He's a past member of the board, even served as president for three years. When his terms expired in 1992, he became president of the Friends of the York County Public Library, which raises funds for library activities not in the budget.

Desmarais doesn't mind helping out the library.

"I read a lot. I like to know who's on staff at the library," Desmarais says. "Plus it gives my wife a couple of days a week when I'm not around."

If there's a computer problem at the library that Desmarais can't tackle, he's been known to go back to college and learn.

After taking a class at Thomas Nelson Community College last year, Desmarais formed a CD-ROM network with five of the library's computers. CD-ROMs hold information that library users access by computer. Before Desmarais formed a network, each computer could only access certain discs. Thanks to Desmarais, all five computers can now access every CD-ROM.

"I don't know how anybody does without one of

him," Dudley says.

Staff marvel at Desmarais' accomplishments, but he explains it like this: "One thing about volunteering after retirement, it's actually less costly than normal retirement."

Golf costs money. Traveling costs even more. And, "drinking — you spend all day in a bar," he says.

A former Marine, Desmarais offers another explanation for his goodwill. He has to keep busy.

When one retires, he says, it leaves "a 40-hour hole."

The Massachusetts native chooses to fill it with the library.

He started coming here in 1986 as a patron. Desmarais says he reads anywhere from 50 to 100 books a year. He's currently reading "Come to Grief" by Dick Francis.

After a while, librarians became familiar with Robert Desmarais. They asked him to join the library board. Then they started to find out more and more about his background.

He was a retired NASA engineer, they learned. He's been in charge of computers ever since.

Library program seeks teenagers

Applications are currently available at the York County Public Library for anyone 13 or older who would like to participate in the Teen Volunteer Program during the summer. Volunteers will be placed in suitable positions, if available, after a review of the application and an interview.

Some possible jobs include setting up for programs, running copies, shelving books, making signs or posters and helping with the children's programs. Teen volunteers will gain job experience, learn new skills and help the community.

Application deadline for summer activities is Friday, May 31. Interviews will be conducted during the first week in June.

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BOOK SALE IN YORK. The Friends of the York County Public Library will hold a book sale Saturday and Sunday in the meeting room of the library at 8500 George Washington Highway. The sale will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. A preview sale for members of the Friends group will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday. Memberships will be available at the door.

FIVE YEARS AGO. York County library workers were hearing frequent complaints from Tabb residents whose local library wasn't so local.

Tabb residents were utilizing the Poquoson, Newport and Williamsburg libraries because those buildings were more conveniently located than the library delegated for Tabb's use.

Now York County is looking for a site for a Tabb library.

This past March, York Supervisor Jere Mills, in whose district the new library would be, said a decision might be made in about 45 days.

The board is "still reviewing parcels of land within the county" said York County Spokesman John Carl.

By Angela Seward

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York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

Yorktown Middle School team, seated from left, includes Stephanie Panting, Jillian Mascarenhas, Priya Naik and Jennell Holmas. Standing are York County Director Sherry Inabinet, David Allen, Ben Vanderburg and Coach Connie Starrett.

Yorktown, Holloman place in 'Battle of the Books' contest

Participation in the "Battle of the Books" program, sponsored by the York County Public Library, grows every year. Over 175 York County students took part in the 1996 competitions.

These students read 20 quality fiction books and were asked factual questions regarding them. Competitions, conducted with a buzzer board, began with each participating school holding a preliminary event to determine the school championship team.

Each team consisted of four members and one or more alternates. These teams then competed at the county level, with the winning team progressing to the Regional Competition.

A total of six schools entered teams in the grades four and five York County Championship. Holloman Child Development and Education Center, coached by Jan Holloman, won.

Bethel Manor Elementary School was runner-up, and Yorktown Elementary placed third. Other school participating were Mt. Vernon, Seaford and Tabb Elementary schools.

The Holloman team representing York County defeated teams from Hampton, Newport News and Gloucester in the Regional Preliminary and competed in the Final Battle with Williamsburg and Poquoson. In this very close battle, Holloman had to settle for a second-place finish.

Three grade six to eight teams entered the county championship. The lead changed several times in this competition, with the Yorktown Middle School team, coached by Carrie Starrett winning. In a play-off, Tabb Middle School placed second and Holloman third.

Plagued by illness and absent team members, the Yorktown Middle team representing York County was tied for first place at the end of four rounds in the Regional Preliminary. Unfortunately, they had to settle for a fourth place finish.



Holloman team, front row from left, are Jessica Davenport, Amanda Norris, Timmy O'Brien and Eric Ferraro. Standing are Sherry Inabinet, Raymond Keiper, Ryan Holloman and Coach Jan Holloman

Plans have already begun for the 1997 Battle. Several more schools are planning to participate.

The list of 1997 books is available at the York County Public Library or through the participating

schools. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program or help with it is encouraged to call Sherry Inabinet, York County Battle of the Books Coordinator, at 890-3377.

York Town Crier, May 22, 1996



York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

Time for rhythm!

The summer reading program at the York County Public Library was enhanced by a visit from Kim and Jimbo Cary of Nelson County recently. Their 'Rhythms 'Round the World' program introduced several musical instruments and their accompanying sounds to members of the young audience. After performing and teaching about sounds, the musicians gave each child an instrument, and the group performed together. The drum section, top photo, seemed to be the most popular. Boys, above left, react to the sounds of their tambourines, while Jimbo and Kim, above right, play folk songs.



York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

Library Director Beverly Dudley, left, accepts books from Liz Tragle and Mary Clark

Books donated to county library

The York Republican Women's Club presented two books to the York County Public Library recently. The books were presented by club President Mary Clark and Chairman of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project Liz Tragle. They were received by Library Director Beverly Dudley.

The books donated are "The Inaugural Addresses of the

Presidents" by John Gabriel Hart and "Man in the Kremlin" by John Barron.

The Mamie Eisenhower Library project was established as a memorial honoring the former First Lady by offering a list of books reflecting Republican philosophy and beliefs as well as presenting outstanding Republican personalities.

*Purchase of
land for
Tabb Library*

Yorktown Crier Nov. 6-12, 1996

Board to buy land for expanded library

By Judi Tull
Daily Press

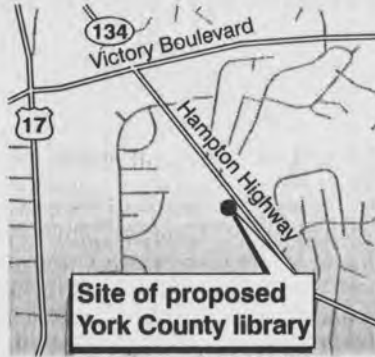
YORK

The Board of Supervisors Wednesday night approved buying land for a much-needed new library in the lower end of York County.

The board unanimously approved purchase of almost 12 acres off Old Hampton Highway near the Tabb Lakes subdivision. The land, currently owned by Hampton attorney George L. Smith, will cost the county \$653,000. Half will be used for the library site; the other half likely will be used for a recreation center in the future.

The board also approved by a 4-1 vote a \$330,000 contract for architectural and engineering services for the proposed 30,000-square-foot library with Magoon & Associates, a Williamsburg company. Supervisor Walter Zaremba cast the dissenting vote.

Proposals for the job were evaluated by a five-member selection team made up of the director of libraries, a library board member and three county employees.



Samantha Kohler/Daily Press

Magoon & Associates, a three-person company, is headed by Robert Magoon, chairman of the James City County Board of Supervisors. He has brought in a Norfolk architectural firm, Tymoff and Moss, to collaborate on the York library design since partner John Tymoff's previous designs include the Chesapeake public library, one in western Virginia and several school libraries.

York library director Beverly Dudley said Tymoff's previous experience and attitudes were deciding factors in awarding the

contract to the Magoon firm.

"I think their forte will be in involving the community in the design," said Dudley, who has been with the county library system for more than 25 years.

"The main thing was their willingness to put their own architectural design statements aside and design for the function of the users."

Magoon said he expects to have preliminary drawings of the building ready within five months.

The existing 12,000-square-foot library, located on Route 17 just south of Cook Road, has been unable to keep pace with the rapid growth in population and ever-increasing needs of its citizens, according to Dudley.

Recommended minimum standards set by the Library Board of the Library of Virginia call for at least two volumes per person in its target population.

York currently has 68,000 volumes or 1.62 volumes per person. A system should also provide at least 0.6 square feet of library space per person, but York has just 0.028.

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Board votes funds for Tabb library

By Beth Meisner

Town Crier staff

At long last, Tabb residents will be able to check 'em out without going to Yorktown to do so. After years of negotiating, dickering and delaying, the York County Board of Supervisors approved purchase of land for a public library in the lower end of the county.

By a 5-0 vote, the supervisors agreed to buy almost 12 acres near the Tabb Lakes subdivision, off Old Hampton Highway. The \$653,000 purchase will double as a soon-to-be site for a 30,000 square-foot library and a future site for some sort of recreation center.

The current library, located on George Washington Memorial Highway, can't keep up with the growing county population, and the library board has been seeking a Tabb location for years. The present

facility, which will remain open when the new building becomes available, is a 12,000 square-foot facility. It currently houses approximately 1.62 books and provides .028 square-feet per capita. The minimum standards set by the state library board calls for two books and .6 square-feet per capita.

By a 4-1 vote, the supervisors also agreed to pay \$330,000 to Magoon & Associates of Williamsburg for architectural and engineering services. Librarian Beverly Dudley noted that Magoon & Associates has already brought in a Norfolk architectural firm, Tymoff and Moss, to work with them on the project. The Norfolk firm has several libraries to its credit, and Dudley said it has shown a willingness to work with staff and library users to create a facility which will be user friendly.

Library design meeting slated

York County citizens are invited to meet with the York County Library Board of Trustees and the architect to discuss plans for the new county library. The meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the KirkWood Presbyterian Church, 1209 Hampton Highway (Route 134). The site is directly across from where the new library will be constructed.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the community with the opportunity to input ideas and desires into the design process. The firm of Magoon and Associates of Williamsburg is under contract to the county to design the new facility.

Representatives from the firm will be at the meeting to receive citizen input to assist them in creating a library that contains facilities and capabilities that make it user friendly.

For more information, call the Public Information Office at 890-3300.

York Town Crier
Feb. 19-25, 1997

Architects told 'stay in budget'

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Chairman Jere Mills bristled at times during the York County Board of Supervisors' Feb. 19 meeting at the District Courthouse.

Mostly, he wanted to emphasize the need for architects to stay within confines of a \$3 million budget for a proposed library in the Tabb section of the county. Without saying so, Mills obviously portrayed the voice of experience.

"We've got \$3 million and you have to stay within that," he told library designer John Tymoff of Magoon and Associates in Williamsburg and president Bob Magoon. Mills emphasized "we want no surprises."

The past year or two, the board has dealt with projects that grew in cost because of rising prices during construction. Obviously the veteran supervisor wanted no more part of that.

Also, it was about a year ago that Mills fought doggedly against use

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Library Board. The 7 p.m. affair is set for the KirkWood Presbyterian Church on Route 134. The church is directly opposite the site on which the library will be constructed.

The myriad of topics to be pondered by citizens and architects alike, include: numbers of bookshelves, numbers and sizes of meeting rooms, technology to be included, ability for expansion, children's facility and many others.

The presentation by Tymoff and Magoon was one of five. One of the others was by the administrator of the new Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (see story elsewhere). The others were pleas for budget funding from Clerk of Circuit Court Nancy Kane, who in particular expressed the need for another full-time employee; Revolutionary Fund Cooperative Advertising Campaign's Ed Dreistadt, and Williamsburg Area Convention and Visitors Bureau board member Andy Simasek.

Other items touched on:

- The County Attorney, Bill Hackworth, reminded the board that the 15-year contract with Cox Communications expires June 30 and that he is reviewing an 890-page ordinance on negotiations. He said rate increases "are likely"

- County Administrator Danny Stuck presented an update on two-year-old investigations into forma-

of a geothermal heating system for what then was a proposed county courthouse. He was less vehement this time, when Tymoff recommended use of the system, basically because those costs "have plummeted dramatically in the county" in recent months, Tymoff said.

He conceded none of the libraries he has designed have used the process, but, he said "that's because the costs have been much higher."

Mills also said "don't worry about considering funding for the books. We have a lot of money for the books." Later, he explained that the board has already set aside \$700,000 for furnishings and books. "That's a pretty good number," he said.

Of course, the only item set about the library, other than the budgeted amount, is the site: off Route 134. Citizens will receive a chance to express their views and desires about what should -- and shouldn't -- be included at a Feb. 27 meeting with the York County

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tions of a Peninsula Sports Authority, which would, among other things, try to bring minor league baseball to the area. He said representatives of York, Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County, Hampton and Newport News are trying to zero in on a site. Land across from Water Country in York County "probably is the front-runner," he said. "There is still a gap" among localities in pondering how to divide costs of a venture, which could include bringing the Class A Carolina League Bulls here for the 1998 season

- Stuck alerted the board that the new budget will be discussed March 5. He warned that the challenge for requests to be included or for increased budget funding will be more severe than ever. "The process now is to get the requests (trimmed) to within range of the budget without raising taxes," he said

- Outgoing Board Chairman Jim Funk was honored by supervisors and Mills said of him: "He goes to more meetings than all of us put together"

- The one public hearing produced unanimous approval of amendments to the county code and motor vehicles and traffic, obscenity and miscellaneous offenses. Hackworth called it "housekeeping . . . to conform with the state wording." Supervisor Walt Zarembo said the chapter on obscenity "reads like 'Lady Chatterly's Lover'"

York residents 'design' new library

by Judi Tull
Daily Press

YORK

The wish list has begun.

Lots of windows, computers, areas where students and adults can be quiet, and places where small kids don't have to be. Someone even suggested a cappuccino machine, a gurgling waterfall, a gas fireplace.

Those were among the things mentioned by the 60 York County residents who turned out Thursday evening to tell architects Bob Magoon and John Tymoff what they want in the new York County library and how they would like it to look. The \$3 million, 30,000-square-foot building will be located on

Hampton Highway in the Tabb district. It is scheduled for completion in about two years.

This was the first community meeting on the long-awaited and much-needed library, but Magoon and Tymoff already have met with the library staff and members of the library board for their preliminary input. What they heard Thursday night dovetailed with the suggestions they already received.

"Almost everything everyone said tonight was right along with the way we were thinking," said Beverly Dudley, York library director.

Technology access, equipment, space and the infrastructure for it were among the most commonly

suggested elements, with space for children, their books and their bikes following close behind. Comfort, too, in a building with warmth and a home-like atmosphere — beanbag chairs and recliners, as one man suggested.

A two-story building seems out of the question, since it would need an elevator and double staircases in order to meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and would likely be too costly, Tymoff told the group. A 300-home residential development planned for the adjoining property also may dictate some of the aesthetics of the building, since many of the citizens said it is important to them that the library is designed in accord with

the surrounding area.

Magoon said after the meeting he expects to have a sketch of a proposed building to show the public in about a month. During the interim, he and his design team will come up with a half-dozen renderings to show the library staff and the Board of Supervisors. From the elements of those designs — a window from this one, a doorway from that one — will emerge a final design.

"A library is a landmark for the community and the county," Tymoff said. "This won't be a fad building. Our design philosophy is to use materials honestly — real wood, real stone. We have a good sense of the importance the design

of this building needs to embody."

Supervisors have been clear and emphatic with the architects on holding the construction budget to \$3 million, but Supervisor Sheila Noll, who also serves on the library board, said Thursday that the paperwork has started in order to establish a nonprofit foundation to provide additional money for the library.

"It's critical that this be a public-private partnership, and this is one way to do that," she said.

In order to get more input from county residents who are library users, a suggestion box will be placed in the library on Route 17, said library board member Jan Farley.

Library must fit between bookends of budget and community interests

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

If building a library seems like a comparatively simple challenge beyond supplying books, shelves and reading space for users, think again.

For instance, one nitty-gritty problem might be trying to satisfy customers by making doors to rest room stalls open out, not inward.

Another might be pondering the merits of providing a 24-hour drive-through book drop.

Or try envisioning the pros and cons of saving space for a money-making gift shop; or being sure that neighbors in a yet-to-be built or named area development have access to the library; or knowing where, in relationship to this future building, the sun rises and sets.

These and myriads of other details will be very much in mind for architect John Tymoff this week when he first considers applying initial strokes to plans for what

will be York County's new main library.

Tymoff, of Magoon and Associates in Williamsburg, are handling the plans for a \$3 million, 30,000 square-foot structure soon to take shape on Route 134, just across the median from the KirkWood Presbyterian Church.

York County Supervisor Sheila Noll, also a member of the Library Board, was "thrilled" with the Feb. 28 turnout of 75 or so at the church which came to offer suggestions on what to include in the library that will be available in the southern section of the county for the first time. Three quarters of the ideas brought up by the audience "we've already discussed" at meetings with the Library Board and the architects, she said.

Tymoff later said that as he tackles the actual drawing of plans for the structure this week, he will have accumulated "definite feelings"

for the budget-defined task ahead, but "not in terms of what it will look like." As of last week, he had "purposely" not walked over the five-acre site, one of two similarly sized county-owned plots adjacent to each other just off Hampton Highway.

The second site apparently can eventually be used for a long-considered community center, or a similar structure, said Jim Funk of the Board of Supervisors. He also revealed that the land deal with owner George L. Smith Jr. has not yet been finalized. But, said Funk, "it's a matter of working out details."

As Tymoff and Bob Magoon sift through thousands of details and suggestions accumulated during meetings with the Library Board, the Board of Supervisors and the public, they look forward to additional public input. Some of that will come from a suggestion box being placed at the current library

on Route 17.

As Noll put it, "this should be a public-private partnership." To help do that the Library Board is working towards establishing a non-profit foundation that would raise additional funds for ever-growing needs of a modern library.

For instance, the world of computers is just beginning to open its horizons to library users, something the current library staff has been aware of for the past few years. It also is something the architects know must be considered from the outset in order to provide proper power and outlets for years to come.

Yet, with ultra-modern techniques in mind, the building must also emerge as community friendly and fit in with a residential neighborhood. That was one reason a citizen emphasized the need to make sure the area around the library remains non-commercial.

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March 26 - April 1, 1997

'Food for Fines,' contest planned

The York County Public Library will celebrate National Library Week, April 13 to 19, with "Food for Fines" and a trivia contest. During the week, the library will accept canned goods in place of fines - one can for each item (old fines included).

The collected food will go to the York County Food closet located at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The trivia contest will test your knowledge with questions prepared by the York County Library reference staff. There will be three levels of questions: kindergarten to third grade; fourth grade to seventh grade; and eighth grade to adult.

The winner in each level will be the earliest entry with the most correct answers. All participants will receive a prize.

For more information, call the York County Public Library at 890-3377.

YORK TOWN CRIER
April 30 - May 6, 1997

Library fees to change May 1

Beginning Thursday, May 1, the York County Public library will be revising its fee structure. The cost of making copies will be reduced to 10 cents per copy, down from the current 15 cents per copy.

At the same time, overdue fines will be increased as an incentive for borrowers to return materials on time. The new fee will be 10 cents a day fine for adult books, children's non-fiction books and audio cassettes. Children's fiction and picture books will remain at 5 cents per day.

For more information, call the library at 890-3377.

YORK TOWN CRIER
April 30 - May 6, 1997

Volunteers sought for York library

Summer is almost here, and with it comes an increased need for volunteers at the York County Public Library. Applications for Summer Volunteers are available at the library for anyone 13 or older.

Volunteers will be placed in suitable positions, if available, after a review of the applications and an interview. Some of the possible jobs are: setting up for programs; shelving materials; designing and putting up bulletin boards; running copies, typing; making signs and posters; and helping with children's programs. This is a minimum commitment of two hours per week.

The application deadline for Summer Volunteers is Saturday, May 31, and interviews will be conducted beginning the week of June 2. For more information, call the library at 890-3377.

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CITY/COUNTY NOTES

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS.

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Free Internet seminars offered

VisiNet will offer free seminars to the public entitled "Internet 101." These seminars will be offered at the York County Public Library on Monday, July 28.

The first session is from 5 to 6:30 p.m., with a second session beginning at 7 p.m. These seminars will feature an introduction to the Internet, history of the Internet, Web browsing, Electronic Mail and News Groups.

They are intended for novice users. Attendees will receive a free T-shirt from Spring Internet World Los Angeles. Parents and children over 14 are welcome to attend.

Space is limited. To make reservations, call the York County Public Library at 890-3377.

For more information concerning the seminars, call Dave Shumate, VisiNet Community Program Director, at 873-4500.

Board gets look at Tabb library

By Beth Meisner

Town Crier staff

The York County Board of Supervisors on July 16 got a glimpse of what the new library facility in the Tabb area just might look like. John Tymoff, of Tymoff + Moss Architects, made an informal presentation of some "thoughts on a site and floor plan" at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting last week.

There were drawings and arrows, all tentative at this point pending further consultation with the interior design firm and the contractor, Tymoff noted.

The last time he met with the supervisors, he was charged specifically to keep within the budget the Board had approved for the facility, he reminded them. In a chicken and egg situation, a bid can't come back until many decisions have been made on what will be built — but some of those decisions are on hold depending upon just how much money is available.

Tymoff told the supervisors that over 80 citizens had made more

than 200 suggestions as to what they would like included in the facility. Using slides, he presented the current conceptual design for program and staff space, as well as how the facility might be located on the 5.4 acre property.

Basically, the building is a box, Tymoff said, because that's a "very economic structural system." His drawings represented a 30,000 square-foot structure, but, he noted, should that exceed the acceptable budget, he's drafted "alternatives" so the final project could be built within budget constraints with "no delay."

The draft includes a meeting room, with small kitchen, which could remain in use after normal library hours, a children's area, an expandable, four-station circulation desk, a reference area and a large adult stacks area. Tables and independent seating are arranged at the rear of the building, overlooking a retention pond.

Staff space is dedicated to technical services, mailing and receiving, acquisitions, circulation, and administration.

YORK TOWN CRIER August 6,

1997

Summer book sale planned at library

A summer book sale will be held at the York County Public Library on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17. There will be an opening sale on Friday, Aug. 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Library. Memberships may be obtained at the door.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Those purchasing books may register for a drawing of several prizes. These presentations will be made at the end of the sale.

Proceeds from the sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, help with special events and/or needs of the library not covered by the library's county budget.

All books are used, with most being in good condition. The sale, with the exception of Friday evening, is open to the public.

YORK TOWN CRIER October 1 - 7, 1997

Math refresher course offered

The York County Public Library will be the site of a Basic Math Refresher course, which will be taught by a volunteer. The course will cover an introduction to whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percentages, tables and graphs, basic algebra and basic geometry.

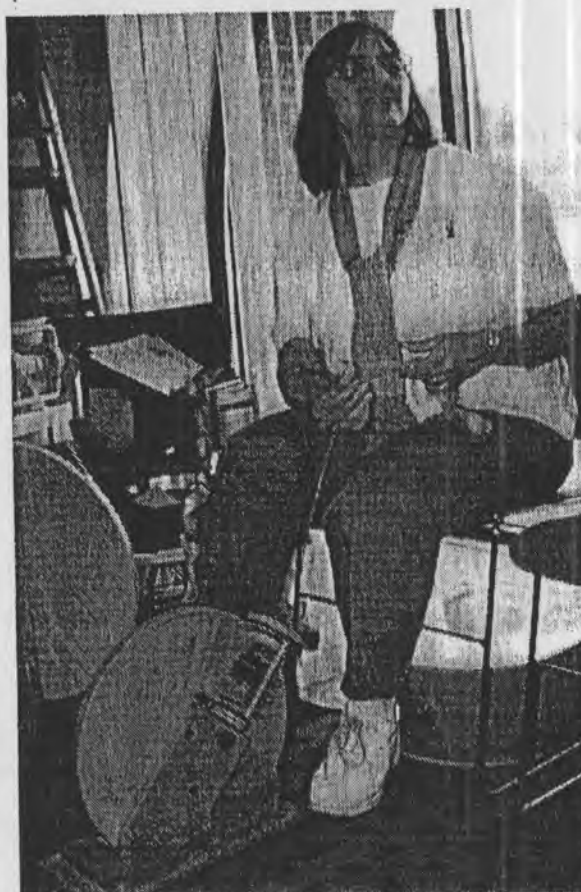
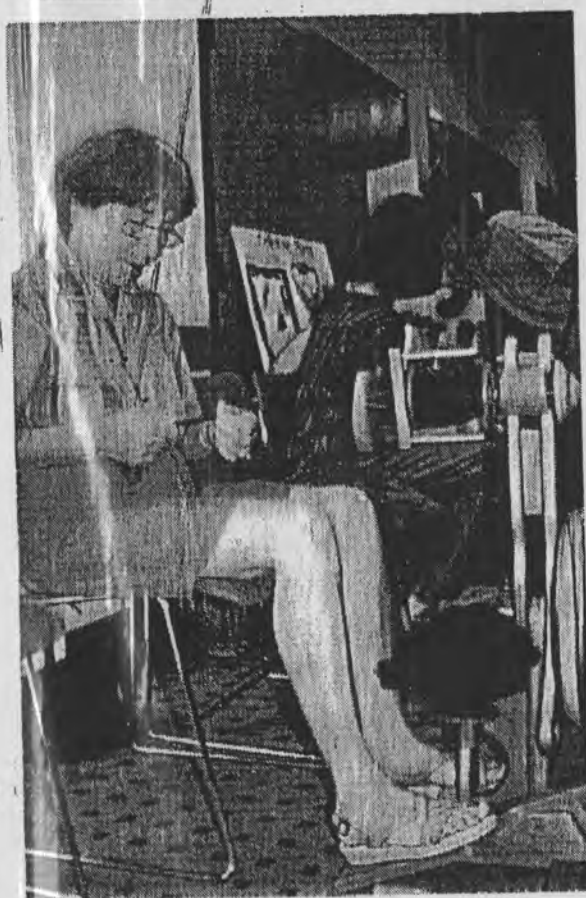
The class will begin on Thursday, Oct. 9, and will be offered on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month through Dec. 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. There is no fee, but advance registration at the Circulation Desk is required.

The library is located at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway. For information, or to register by telephone, call 890-3377.

County Library to offer workshop

The York County Public Library will present a program, "What is a Science Fair Project?" for students and their parents which will help them to identify topics and/or do research for their projects. A school division representative will also be present to answer questions.

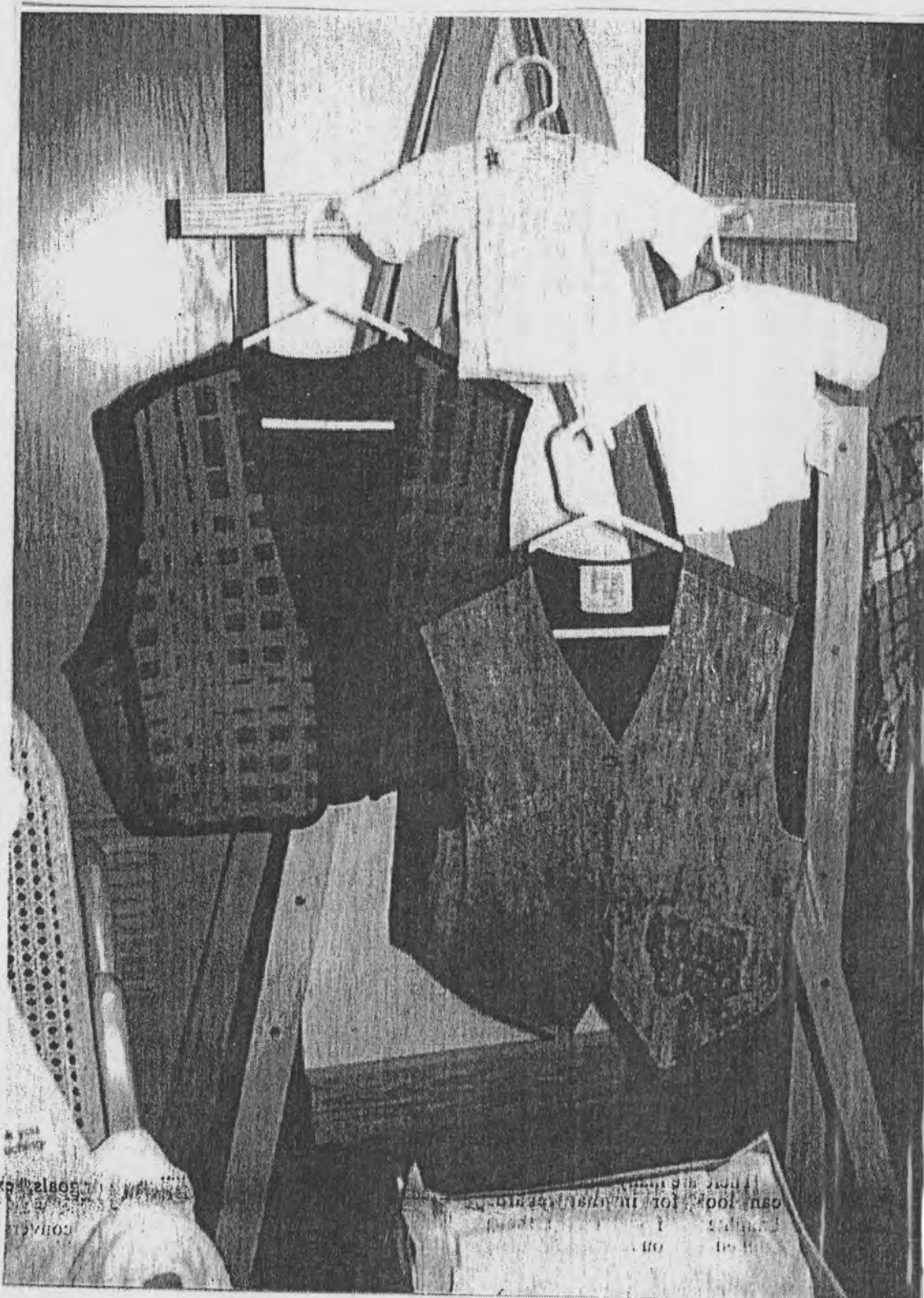
The program will be held at the York County Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 8 p.m. To register, call 890-3377.



York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley

Weaving, spinning on display

The York County Public Library sponsored a demonstration of spinning and weaving on a recent Sunday afternoon. Members of the Bay Weavers demonstrated the use of looms and spinning wheels in fabric preparation. Terry Lyons, top photo, works at a loom and explains procedures of Colonial-type weavers as a crowd looks on. Above left, Claudia Melgaard demonstrates spinning, while Linda Youngblood, above right, works on spinning a scarf.



York Town Crier photo by Lois Chesley

These vests and child's dresses have been hand-woven by Linda Youngblood. They were on display at the York County Public Library during a demonstration by the Bay Weavers recently.



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Fall Storytime registration begins

Registration for Fall Storytime at the York County Public Library will begin on Monday, Sept. 8. Story sessions will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended. There are three storytime age groups:

- "Time for Twos," 2-year-olds, Monday from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

- "Preschool Pals," 3 to 5-year-olds, Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- "Book Buddies," 4 to 10-year-olds, Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

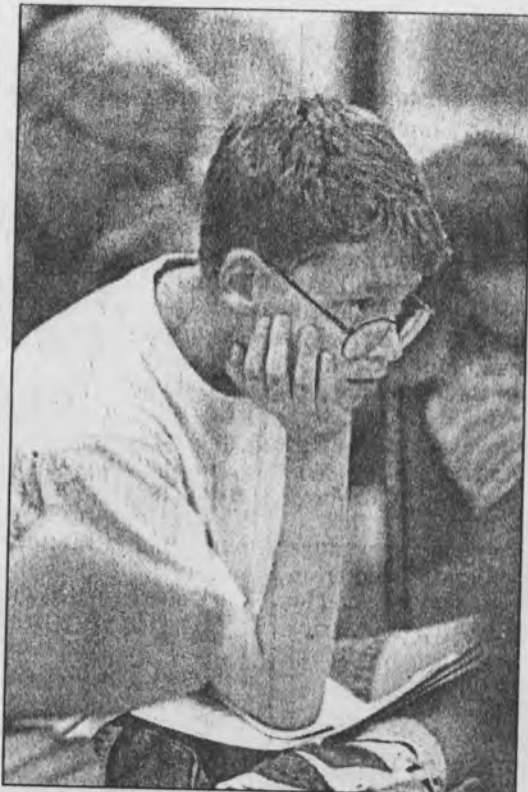
Exploring science

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Reference librarian Elizabeth Pessagno explains a science fair entry to 12-year-old Johnny Falk, a seventh-grader at Trinity Lutheran School in Newport News, at the York County Public Library's program to help students and parents learn how to research science fair projects.

Being creative on purpose



Johnny Falk, 12, a seventh-grader at Tabb Middle School in York County, listens during the question-and-answer session. Photos by Buddy Norris/Daily Press

Library helps kids think of interesting topics

By Gwendolyn Crump
Daily Press

YORK

When some students think science fair project they think volcano — easy, oozing, fun.

Been there. Done that.

Students and their parents got tips Thursday night about how to come up with innovative topics and do research for science fair projects at the York County public library.

"When you do a science fair project, you are a detective, trying to solve the mystery of science," said Tammy Strickland, children's librarian.

Strickland presented several projects that did well in past fairs and offered tips and topics for competing.

In a project called "Color Explosion" a student used whole milk, food coloring and Palmolive dish soap.

Strickland showed how the oil from the soap breaks down fat in milk. The food coloring created a rainbow in the milk.

Strickland suggested trying to use

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YOUR SCIENCE PROJECT

A science project is a requirement for most science classes in York County schools.

Some tips for doing well in a science fair:

■ **Pick a topic that will hold your interest.** Look at your surroundings. Choose things that you wonder about.

■ **Get approval from your teacher** before you get heavily involved in a project.

■ **Choose a good title** that simply and accurately presents your research.

■ **Research your topic.** Use computers, go to the library and talk to professionals in the field you are exploring.

■ **Take photographs.** Many projects involve a display that may not be safely exhibited at a fair.

■ **Make your display stand out.**

■ **Be organized.** Don't wait until the night before your project is due.

Although you may be able to finish it, you may not learn as much, and it won't be as much fun.

Science

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everyday products and problem solving.

Allen Smith, a 14-year-old ninth-grade student at Grafton High School, has chosen a project on the effects stain remover has on a carpet.

Last school year, he focused on the different sounds created by his saxophone reeds.

Judges like projects that are imaginative, said Jennifer Parish, middle school teacher in resi-

dence. Parish is also the co-coordinator of the science fair for the school system.

Making a tornado in a bottle and comparing different brands of popcorn were other projects that judges see often.

Prizes vary but most science projects are due to their teachers in December. The division fair is in January. The regional fair is in March, and the state fair is in April, Parish said.

Nina Interbartolo, 13, is in Allen's science class. Last year, she did her project on "The Battle of the Sexes." She used male and

female white mice and raced them in a maze, and concluded males are faster than females. It might have been because one of the females was pregnant, though, she said.

Nina's mother helped with the project.

"I held the video camera," said mom Theresa Ford. "It was fun watching them run through the little maze."

"It is important for parents to be involved with projects," Parish said.

"Just make sure the student does the actual work."

Some offices close for Yorktown Day

York County government offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 20. Because Yorktown Day is on Sunday, Oct. 19, county offices will be closed to observe this local holiday on Monday.

In addition, Social Services, the York County Cooperative Extension, and the administrative offices of the Waste Management Center will be closed on that day.

The York County Public Library will be closed on Sunday, Oct. 19, and Monday, Oct. 20, when parking lot upgrades are planned.

All courts and the Health Department will be open on Oct. 20.

After School Story Hour scheduled

An After School Story Hour will be held at the York County Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. Halloween Tales and lots of fun will be provided.

No registration is required, and all ages are welcome.

For more information, call Tammy Strickland at 890-3377.

Workshop on herbs scheduled for library

Heidi Hartwiger, author of "The Gift of Herbs," will present a workshop on herbs and crafting with herbs on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at the York County Public Library.

To register, or for more information, call 890-3377 during normal library hours.

New library boosted by foundation

By Bob Moskowitz

Town Crier staff

Like the county itself, organizations created to raise capital funds and create endowment funds are rowing in number.

The latest is the recently-created York County Library Foundation, which will eventually heed the needs of as many of the county's library functions as possible. Similar groups include the Yorktown Foundation (which is dedicated to the preservation of the Yorktown area) and the York Foundation for Public Education (which devotes its energy to providing improvements for county schools). Both have been formed this decade.

Currently, the aim, says Bill Hackworth, one of the new Foundation's 15 members appointed by the York County Library board of Trustees, "is to concentrate" on what currently is identified as the new county library on Route 134. Construction will start next year.

In the meantime, one of the first targets for Foundation members is to establish a financial target. "We're working with the Library Trustees to set a figure," says Hackworth, who also is the county attorney. Contributions will be tax deductible.

Marilyn Walter was elected president of the Foundation at its Sept. 30 meeting at the Human Services Building. The group, which has no set timetable for regular meetings, will convene again Nov. 13 at the York County Library.

Also elected were President-Elect Lizz Rowley, Treasurer Catherine Miller and Secretary Karen Marchlewski. Other members are James S. Carson, Junior Coxton, Beverly Dudley, Robert Gatz, Carol Ann

"We're working with the Library Trustees to set a figure." Contributions will be tax deductible.

Bill Hackworth,
Foundation member and
county attorney

Margolis, Deane Mills, John Schantz, Anne Sundry, Joe Taylor and Janice Farley, who is chairman of the Library Board of Trustees.

The existing county library also has been supported by another fundraising group, Friends of the Library. Now, the new Foundation will operate separately from, but not in competition with, the Friends, a long-time group that has supplied many volunteers as well as financial assistance.

Until the Foundation receives official recognition as a tax-exempt public foundation, such gifts can be made payable to "Arlene D. Pollard, Treasurer," for deposit in the Foundation account.

Major needs for contributions are for computers and printers, furniture and furnishings for a children's activity room, group and quiet study rooms, adult lounge, study carrels, buses and landscaping for a garden and books, books on tape and periodicals.

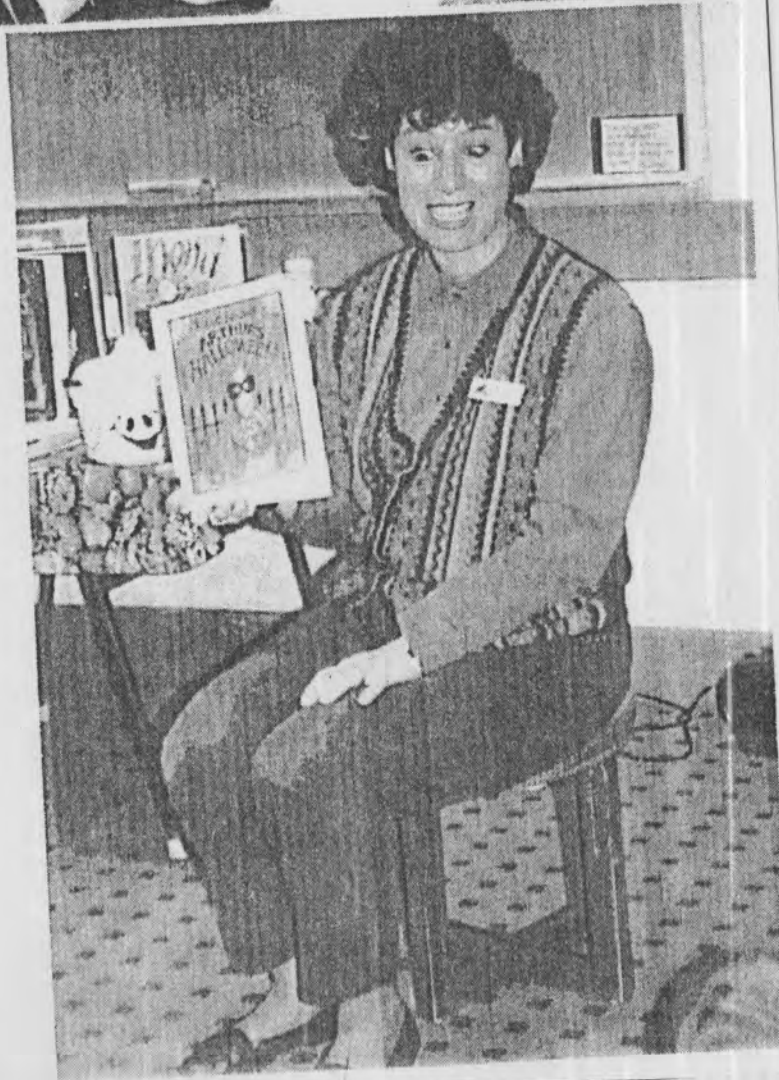
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Halloween tales, games delight

An After School Story Hour was held at the York County Public Library last Thursday, Oct. 23. Halloween tales, games, and lots of fun were featured. Children, above, delight in a lively game of 'Pass the Pumpkin.' At right, Children's Librarian Tammy Strickland sets the mood for a scary Halloween story.

York Town Crier photos by Lois Chesley



YORK TOWN CRIER November 12 - 18, 1997

Book sale slated

The Friends of the York County Public Library will sponsor a Book Sale at the library, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway.

A preview for Friends and members will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, from 3:30 to 9 p.m. The sale will be open to the public on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 890-3377.

Children's Holiday Craft workshops set

The York County Public Library will offer Holiday Craft Workshops as an after-school special. Children are invited to come and make a gift for someone special.

Children from kindergarten through grade two will have their workshop on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m., while children in grades three to five will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m.

For more information, or to register, call 890-3377 during normal business hours.

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Holiday workshop for children set

The York County Public Library will conduct a holiday craft workshop for children to make a gift for someone special. The session will be held on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m.

To register for the program, or for more information, call the Children's Librarian, Tammy Strickland at 890-3377.

Bedtime story hour planned

A bedtime story time will be held at the York County Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. All 3 and 4-year olds are welcome to attend.

Following the storytelling, refreshments will be served. The event is being sponsored by the Newport News Reading Council.

To make a reservation, call the library at 890-3377.

Library to cost a lot, or more

Budget surpassed,
but by how much?

By Mark Di Vincenzo
Daily Press

YORK

Ken Winters went to the York County library one rainy Saturday afternoon this month to relax in a quiet place for an hour or so. Ha!

He heard children shouting and shrieking the whole time, waited in line for 15 minutes to use a computer, was "rammed" a half dozen times while browsing the shelves and ended up sitting on the floor near the racks of newspapers and magazines because the chairs at the reading tables were all taken.

"We need another library," he said. "One isn't enough. Everyone knows it."

Everyone includes the county

Board of Supervisors, which has budgeted \$4.6 million to build a second library by the summer of 1999 on Hampton Highway, in the Tabb section. But now the supervisors know they probably didn't budget enough money for it.

The budget to build the library may be short by somewhere between \$400,000 and \$600,000 — money that most likely will come from the county's capital improvements fund.

The size of the shortfall depends on the size of the library.

Supervisors are considering two sizes: a 27,470-square-foot building with 95,000 books, videos and other items and a seating capacity of 80; and a 31,870-square-foot building with 130,000 items and seats for 150.

Either one would dwarf the county's existing 11,900-square-foot library, in the Grafton section.

Supervisors haven't ruled out the 27,470-square-foot library, but they favor the larger one.

Those who want the larger library note:

■ It would cost \$101 per square foot to build, compared with \$110 for the smaller one.

If the supervisors go with the smaller library and later realize it must be expanded, the addition will cost "significantly in excess" of \$110 per square foot, said Robert Magoon, one of the project's principal architects.

"If the construction crews are already out there, why not just build the larger one?" said Janice Farley, chairwoman of the York County Library Board, which endorsed the larger library. "The big thing driving this is the economics, and it would be a good economic decision to build

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The York County Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$4.6 million for a library in the Tabb section of the county. Of that, it budgeted \$1.1 million for land, architectural and engineering services and road improvements and \$3.5 million for construction costs, furniture, bookcases, computers and other equipment. But the estimates exceed the amount budgeted by the board.

Here are cost estimates for a 27,470-square-foot library and a 31,870-square-foot library, one of which will be built:

	27,470-square-foot library	31,870-square-foot library
■ Land	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
■ Construction Costs	\$3,022,000	\$3,217,000
■ Furniture/shelves	\$500,000	\$500,000
■ Computers/telephones	\$375,000	\$375,000
■ Cost per square foot*	\$110	\$101
■ Total cost	\$4,997,000	\$5,192,000
■ Total budgeted	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000
■ Deficit	\$397,000	\$592,000
■ Items in collection	95,000	130,000
■ Seating capacity	80	150

*-The cost per square foot includes only the construction costs.
Sources: York County, Magoon & Associates and Tymoff+Moss Architects.

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the bigger building now."

■ The smaller library is fine for right now, but Tabb will need a larger library. Tabb is the fastest growing section of the county, and population projections show it is likely to continue to be for the next two decades.

"The best way to put it is the smaller building is kind of what we need now," said Beverly Dudley, the county's library director. "The other one is what we probably will need in the near future."

"You know how hard it is to go back and add on," she added. "I hope we wouldn't have to do that."

Supervisor Sheila Noll, who doubles as a member of the county's library board, shares that concern, and she said the other supervisors do, too.

"We're all trying for the 32,000-square-foot building," she said. "I

don't want to build a library and have it jammed to capacity right away."

County officials are trying to figure out how to pay for it, said Jere Mills, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

He said the supervisors do not want to exceed the budget they approved, but it remains to be seen whether they can do it. W.M. Jordan Co., a Newport News firm that builds schools and other big buildings, figured how much it would cost to build the smaller or the larger library, and county officials think the estimates are reliable.

They hope to know in five or six months — when builders submit their formal construction bids — exactly how much the library will cost.

The supervisors say they will not raise taxes if they need more money.

"No way, Jose," Noll said.

County officials think money can be used from the county's building improvements fund. Money from

that fund was used to build the new courthouse.

Magoon said the architects designed the one-story library using "the box concept," one of the least expensive and most space-efficient designs.

"I hate to say it, but it's a lot like a Kmart," Noll said. "It's a box."

Unlike a Kmart, the library — regardless of which one is built — will have a skylight, which will allow natural light inside. It will have a meeting room that can seat 100, a sound-enclosed children's section and a pond.

The larger library would have a fireplace.

Ken Winters, who visited the Grafton library one Saturday this month, said he would be happy if the new library has enough chairs. Or a pillow he can sit on if there isn't a chair.

When told that the new library may be over budget, Winters pulled a crisp dollar bill from his wallet.

"Here," he said, "give it to the county."

The Tabb library

York should spend a little extra to get a lot extra

Over the next few months the York County Board of Supervisors will be firming up plans and awarding a contract to build a library in the growing Tabb area of the county. The project already looks to be over budget, but the board, anticipating that, has set aside money to help make up the difference. The wise course of action now is to use the extra money and build a big enough library to accommodate the public well into the future.

The new building, to be located on Hampton Highway just south of Victory Boulevard, is to become the county's main library, and the existing facility near Fort Eustis Boulevard will become a branch. Two proposals for the main library are on the table. The larger of the two would cost \$5.2 million, or \$600,000 more than expected and \$200,000 more than the smaller version, but would have almost twice as many seats and hold more books, videos and other items. It also would be more

than twice as big as the current library.

Supervisors should move ahead with the larger library because the county is growing. The population is expected to increase from the current 54,100 to 77,500 in 2015, and much of that growth will be in the area to be served by the library. The larger library, if built now, will cost less per square foot than the smaller version and save the county the necessity of expanding it so soon after it is built.

A well-rounded community needs a good library where people with a thirst for knowledge gather, where young minds are exposed to ideas and given room to expand and mature. The 32,000-square-foot Tabb library will be an admirable complement in the lower county to the sleek, still-new Grafton Middle/Grafton High School and may someday be enhanced by a recreation center adjacent to the library site. York supervisors should build the library right from the start.

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Eliminate frills

The York County Board of Supervisors is absolutely right. We definitely need a new, larger library to handle the growing population in the county, and I congratulate them for their foresight in purchasing the land.

But when it comes to cutting costs, instead of reducing square footage, how about eliminating the pond and fireplace mentioned in the article? Both features, in addition to adding to the original construction cost, will require constant maintenance and additional insurance, since patrons will no doubt burn themselves in the fireplace and fall into the pond.

Fire and water are the last things you want around books. I'd much rather have adequate furniture and space. The other amenities can wait, unless private citizens want to pick up the tab.

Charles Rossi
Tabb

Weighing the education budget

York County has more money, more needs

By Mark Di Vincenzo
Daily Press

YORK

First, the good news: You expect to have \$65 million to spend between July 1, 1998, and June 30, 1999.

That's about \$3.5 million more than you had to spend between July 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998.

The federal government is giving you \$600,000 more to spend on education next year.

The \$65 million should be enough to cover expenses without having to ask for more.

Now the bad news: You have so many expenses, you probably won't have much, if anything, left over.

This is what members of the

York County Board of Supervisors heard on Wednesday, when they got their first briefing from county officials about the budget that board members will pass next year.

It will still be months before county officials submit a budget to board members.

That budget will not include a recommendation to raise taxes, James O. "Mac" McReynolds, director of the county's Department of Financial and Management Services, said after the briefing.

The board members have said for months that they will not raise taxes.

"Given the wishes of the board," McReynolds said, "I

■ School leaders pressure supervisors for additional funds. C2.

would not anticipate (submitting) a budget that would recommend a tax increase."

County Administrator Daniel M. Stuck sounded optimistic. He said, "This budget year shouldn't be too bad."

He said that's because, unlike this year's budget, there aren't massive projects that need to be funded in the fiscal year that starts July 1, 1998.

In the current fiscal year, board members had to budget money to open the new courthouse and the jail.

The big-ticket items in the next

budget promise to be smaller. Some include:

■ Buying shelves and books for a library to be built in the Tabb section of the county (about \$750,000).

■ Paying for a new roof for Yorktown Middle School (\$500,000).

■ Buying computers for the schools (\$1.5 million-\$3 million).

■ Paying off debt for school construction projects (\$5.2 million).

The big unknown expense is whether the Board of Supervisors will fund any new initiatives for the schools and how much more board members will give the schools for the next fiscal year.

In the current fiscal year, the

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board allocated \$26.8 million of the \$61.5-million budget for school operations and building projects. That didn't satisfy school officials. "We hold the tin cup, and they control the cash register," Richard M. Hixson, deputy superintendent for operations, said after the hearing.

Hixson and Dennis R. Jarrett, the

school district's director of finance, attended the hearing to learn how much the Board of Supervisors would have to spend in its next budget. Hixson and Jarrett said it's too early to know how much money school officials will ask the Board of Supervisors for next year. Meanwhile, school officials have learned the schools expect to receive \$4.7 million in the next fiscal year — \$600,000 more than this school year — in Impact Aid money, which the

federal government gives to help educate children whose parents serve in the military.

The big unknown on the revenue side is whether state legislators will cut the personal property tax. York expects to collect about \$8.4 million from that tax this year.

Stuck warned board members to be prepared for something to happen. "I've been told," he said, "it's a freight train that's going down the tracks."





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he library staff is delighted that you are able to join us as we celebrate the end of our first ten years of service at this location. We hope you find our program of activities both entertaining and informative

If you have been a library user for a while, you have seen the impact of technology both on the way we function and the way we provide you with information. It has been challenging as well as exciting to be in the "information business" at the very moment information technology has exploded.

As you visit the different stations we have set up today, we'd like to show you some of the ways your access to information has been improved. (Please be assured, though, that we will always provide materials for those who are beginning to read and those who love to read for pleasure!)

Beverly Dudley
Library Director

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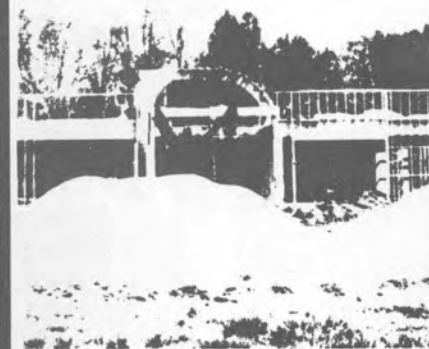
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TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

LIBRARY HISTORY

The York County Public Library was built by people of vision willing to devote time and energy to make a dream come true. Fact began to replace fantasy twenty-five years ago when the York County Volunteer Association opened a library in an old frame house in Grafton. It consisted of a volunteer staff and 4,000 donated volumes, about half of them Reader's Digest condensed books.

When the library lost its lease, the county was asked to help. The library moved to a vacant store in the Grafton Shopping Center in 1971 with the country paying the rent and utilities. Within seven years, the library met state standards for size, books and staff, qualifying for state aid.

As books and patrons multiplied, overcrowding became a real problem. Volunteers came to the rescue again, obtaining enough signatures to put a \$900,000 new library bond referendum on the November 1981 election ballot. The referendum passed.

The new library opened its doors to the public at 10 a.m., Monday, September 10, 1984. A ribbon cutting ceremony on October 14 launched a week-long grand opening celebration.

Ten years later, the building is the same but not its contents. The old card catalog is a memory and high-tech a reality. A computer system has automated three library functions—the card catalog, circulation and cataloging. CD-ROM systems index genealogical data and magazine and newspaper articles. The public has access to personal computers, microfiche reader/printers, microfilm reader, a typewriter and photocopier. Equipment for use in the meeting room includes a VCR projector, a slide projector, overhead and opaque projectors, and a movie projector.

More than 70,750 items comprise today's library collection. The figure includes all kinds of material from book cassettes and videos to children's board books, from best selling fiction to automotive repair manuals, from investment aids to philosophy. The library is also a depository for county government information and for local EPA data.

Services have multiplied along with growth. Full-time reference assistance is available which includes voter registration and interlibrary loan service. Children's needs are met year-round through various programs and activities.

Since its inception, the York County Public Library has been, and continues to be, a growing, innovative organization serving the citizens of York County.

